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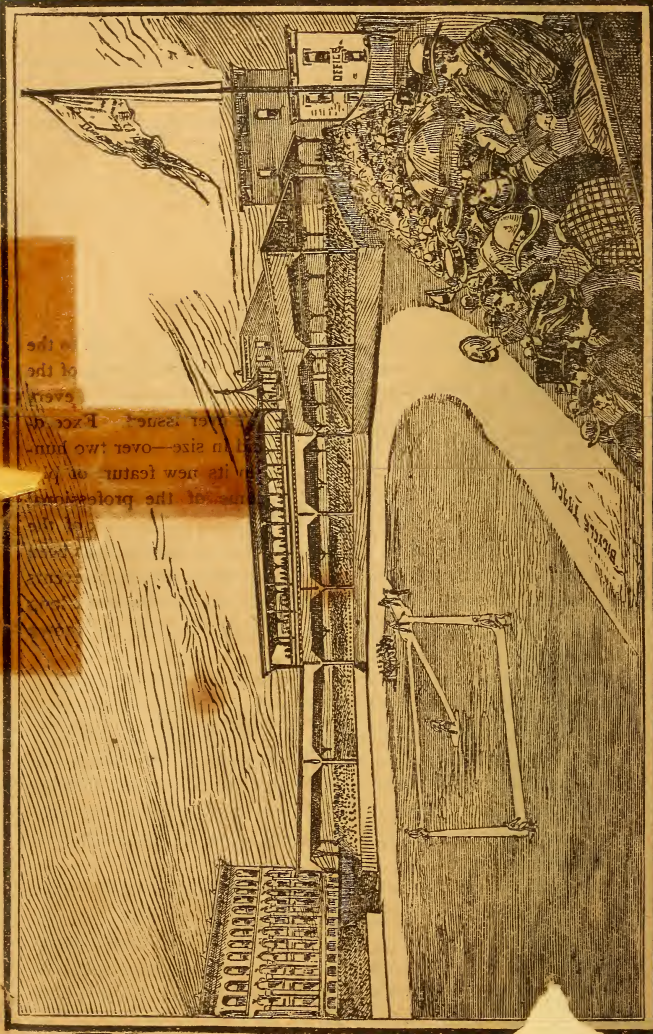
## PREFACE.

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The publishers of "Spalding's Base Ball Guide" present to the fraternity in the GUIDE for 1889, the model baseball annual of the period; the thirteenth annual edition of the work being in every respect the most complete baseball GUIDE ever issued. Exceeding as it does every other book of the kind in size—over two hundred pages of reading matter—as also in its new feature of pictorial illustrations, it presents an epitome of the professional history of the game for 1888, unequaled by any other work of the kind previously published. In fact, the GUIDE for 1889 has been made to conform to the very exceptional year of important events its chapters record—a year which will be remembered for a long time to come as fruitful of the most noteworthy occurrences known in the annals of our national game.

The prominent features of the GUIDE for 1889 are the complete record of the pitching in the League and American championship contests; the instructive chapters on "the lessons of the campaign," then on "team work;" the analyses of the play in the world's championship series of contests; the new tables showing the figures of the campaigns of the past eighteen years, and especially the explanatory appendix or chapter of official instructions to umpires and captains.

The great size of the GUIDE precludes the possibility of including the games record of the League campaign, as also other records of League legislation, etc., and these will be found in the "Official League Book," which contains only official League matter as furnished by Secretary Young, including the League Constitution full.



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## INTRODUCTION.

The American national game of base ball has reached a period in its history, when it no longer needs to be referred to as a field exercise, calling for particular mention of its peculiar merits. It is now the established favorite game of ball of the American people, and occupies a position in public estimation which no other field sport in vogue approaches. The game has attained its present position of popularity, not only from its adaptability to our peculiar national characteristics, as regards its possession of special points of attraction; but also from its value as a field sport which presents sufficient excitement in itself to draw thousands of spectators, without the extrinsic aid of betting as its chief point of interest, the latter attraction being something which pertains to nearly every other popular sport. Then, too, it should be borne in mind that base ball first taught us Americans the value of physical exercise as an important aid to perfect work in cultivating the mind up to its highest point. It is to the introduction of base ball as a national pastime, in fact, that the growth of athletic sports in general in popularity is largely due; and the game pointed out to the mercantile community of our large cities that "all work and no play" is the most costly policy they can pursue, both in regard to the advantages to their own health, and in the improvement in the work of their employes, the combination of work and play judiciously, yielding results in better work and more satisfactory service than was possible under the old rule. Thus, the game has acted like a lever in lifting into public favor all athletic sports.

A great deal is said about the special attraction of this and that leading sport of the day. The turfman thinks there is nothing approaching the excitement of a horse race, which from the start to the finish occupies but a few minutes of time. The rower regards a three mile "shell" race as the very acme of sporting pleasures; while the yachtsman looks upon all other contests as of trifling importance compared with that ending in the winning of his club regatta cup; and so on through the whole category of sports of the field, the forest and the river. But if any one can present to us a sport or pastime, a race or a contest, which can in all its essentials of stirring excitement, displays of manly courage, nerve and endurance, and its unwearying scenes of skillful play and alternations of success equal our national game of ball, we should like to see it.

What can present a more attractive picture to the lover of outdoor sports than the scene presented at a base ball match between two trained professional teams competing for championship honors, in which every point of play is so well looked after in the field, that it is only by some extra display of skill at the bat, that a single run is obtained in a full nine innings game? If it is considered, too, that base ball is a healthy, recreative exercise, suitable for all classes of our people, there can be no surprise that such a game should reach the unprecedented popularity it has.

## THE PROFESSIONAL SEASON OF 1888.

The season of 1888, in the professional arena, was marked by several events which placed it on record as the most noteworthy, known in the thirteen years' history of the National League. In the first place it was the inaugural year of the grand movement made by the President of the Chicago Club, to extend the popularity of our national game beyond the American continent; an event which exhibited the characteristic energy, pluck, liberality and business enterprise of Mr. Spalding, in a very marked manner; the grand success which the venture met with being a well merited reward for the large financial outlay which he incurred in the experiment. Secondly, the struggle for the championship of the League, resulting as it did in the success of the New York club, gave to the East a lead in the pennant races which they had not held since 1884, when the Providence club won the championship, Chicago having held the honors in 1885 and 1886, and Detroit in 1887. The past season, too, excelled all previous years in the vast assemblages of spectators who were gathered at the grounds of the prominent clubs on holiday occasions; as also in the immense aggregate of people who patronized the professional contests of the year. It was also an exceptional year in regard to the close and exciting contest for the League pennant, between the four leading clubs of that organization; and at the end of the championship season the sequel of the contest for the base ball championship of the world finished off the campaign of 1888, in a manner that greatly added to the honors won by the victorious League club from New York. The contest for the American Association championship was also one of the interesting events of the season, and one, too, which taught aspiring clubs a lesson which they can well profit by; and that is, that success in championship contests is due far more to able management, competent captaining, and thorough team work, than to the gathering together of the strongest of star players in a club team. In the League, in this respect, while the Boston club had invested, at great financial cost, in securing the services of noted star players, the Chicago club, though weakened by the release of players from their team who had done yeoman service in their ranks for years, were yet able to excel the picked team of star players of the Boston club, simply by superiority in handling those they had left to them. In the Association arena, too, a similar condition of things prevailed in the case of the St. Louis and Brooklyn clubs, the costly investment of the Brooklyn club for new players, only enabling them to reach second place in the pennant race, while the "weakened" (?) St. Louis team, by better concerted work together, were able to

break the record by capturing the Association pennant for the fourth successive season, something only equaled by the Boston club under the reign of the old National Association in 1872, '73, '74, and '75.

An event of the season of 1888, also, was the widening the sphere of professional club operations in the United States, by the inauguration of the Texas League, which, though not as successful as desired in its first year, nevertheless opened up a new and large territory for the occupation of the professional clubs. Closing too, as the year did with a commendable movement on the part of the League legislators to regulate the salary system so as to get rid of several costly abuses; it may be justly said that in no year since professional ball playing was officially recognized, was there so much done to promote the welfare of the national game as during the season of 1888.

The summary record of the season's work of the several professional Leagues and Association prominent during the season of 1888, is as follows:

LEAGUES.	Champion Club.	Games Played.	Per Cent. of Victories.	Number of Clubs.	
				Began the Season.	Ended the Season.
National League .....	New York.....	532	.641	8	8
American Association.....	St. Louis.....	540	.681	8	8
International Association.....	Syracuse.....	413	.718	8	8
Western Association.....	Des Moines.....	458	.648	8	7
Central League.....	Newark.....	460	.783	8	7
Southern League.....	Birmingham.....	101	.620	4	4
New England League.....	Lowell.....	209	.566	7	4
California League.....	Stockton.....	268	.615	4	4
Texas League.....	Dallas.....	146	.660	6	4
Tri-State League.....	Lima.....	538	.701	10	10

### THE LEAGUE'S PENNANT RACE OF 1888.

The championship campaign of the League for 1888 began on April 20, with the customary home games between the eight clubs, each in its respective section, the New York team opening the season at Washington, and the Bostons at Philadelphia; while in the West Detroit opened at Pittsburg, and the Chicagos at Indianapolis, the winning clubs being New York, Boston, Pittsburg and Chicago. By the end of the first week of the campaign Boston was in the van without a defeat being charged to them, while every other club had suffered at least one defeat, Boston leading in the race, followed by Chicago, New York, Pittsburg, Detroit, Indianapolis, Washington and Philadelphia the latter suffering

from the great drawback of the death of their best player Ferguson, a loss which handicapped them all through the season. By the end of the first week in May the contest had assumed quite an interesting phase in one respect, and that was the remarkable success of the Boston team, which, up to May 2 had won every championship game they had played, the record on May 4 leaving them in the van. By May 5, however, Chicago pulled up even with them, the two teams standing with a record of 11 victories and 2 defeats each, and a percentage of .862 at the close of the third week of the spring campaign. In the meantime Philadelphia had rallied and had pulled up to seventh place, and Detroit had overhauled Pittsburg, Indianapolis falling into the last ditch. By the end of May quite a change had been made in the relative position of the eight clubs, Chicago having gone to the front and Boston to second position, while Detroit had moved up to third place, and New York had fallen back to fourth; while Philadelphia had worked up well and had got into fifth position, Pittsburg having made a bad tumble to sixth place, leaving Indianapolis and Washington to bring up the rear.

The month of June saw more changes in the positions of all of the eight clubs except Chicago and Philadelphia, the former having tenaciously held on to first place since the last week in April; while Philadelphia steadily remained a good fifth. Boston, however, fell off badly in the running, the second week in June seeing them down to fourth place; while by June 9 Detroit had got into second place, and was running Chicago a close race. During the last of May New York had got down to fourth position, but in the first week of June they had rallied and resumed third place; but the next week saw them fall back again, while Boston rallied back to third position. By the end of June the eight clubs occupied the following relative positions in the race: Chicago held the lead, with Detroit second, Boston third, New York fourth, Philadelphia fifth, Pittsburg sixth, with Indianapolis and Washington as the two tail enders.

July proved to be the most important month of the season's race, as it was in this month that the New York team was effectually rallied under the personal influence of Mr. John B. Day, who from that time out took personal cognizance of the doings of the "Giants." The first week in July saw the New York team drive Boston out of third place, while Pittsburg, for the time being, was forced to occupy seventh position, Indianapolis leading them for a week in July. During the last week in July, Chicago—which club had held the lead consecutively from May 5 to July 23—took a bad tumble, and fell back to third position, while New York and Detroit stood tied for a few days for first place, until Chicago rallied, and then the Detroit were driven back; the end of July leaving New York in the van, with Detroit second, Chicago



third, Boston and Philadelphia close together in fourth and fifth positions, while Pittsburg, Indianapolis, and Washington occupied the rear positions. It was now that the race began to be intensely interesting. The steady play of the New York team gave a new feature to the contest, and it now began to be a nip and tuck fight between the "Giants" and the Chicagos for first place, with Detroit close to them as a good third. August saw the steadiest running of the season in the race, but few changes being made in the relative positions of the contestants, the last week of the month seeing New York in the van, Chicago second, Detroit third, Boston fourth, Philadelphia fifth, and Pittsburg, Washington and Indianapolis in the rear.

The promise for an exciting close of the campaign loomed up very bright in September, and during that month, while New York and Chicago still retained their leading positions, Boston temporarily rallied, and got into third place for a week; but Detroit pushed them back, while Philadelphia began to rally for a closing dash for one of the three leading positions. At the close of September the record left New York in the van, with the assurance of a successful termination of the campaign for the "Giants," while the struggle for second place between Chicago, Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia greatly added to the excitement of the closing month of the campaign. Chicago held on to second place, and Philadelphia, which club on September 29 stood in fifth place rallied brilliantly in October, and drove Boston to fourth place and Detroit to fifth, Boston having occupied fifth place on the 6th of October, Pittsburg, Indianapolis and Washington finally bringing up the rear.

A feature of the campaign was the fact that at no time after May was it doubtful in regard to the position of Pittsburg, Indianapolis and Washington as the three tail-enders of the race. But for this the campaign would have been the most brilliant on record. As it was, however, the contest for the three leading positions by the other five clubs made it exceedingly interesting throughout, New York's final success giving a new impetus to the succeeding campaign of 1889.

## THE STATISTICS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

During the League championship season of 1888 an aggregate of 552 games were played, of which 530 were victories and defeats; and 22 were drawn games, and two were won by forfeit. Of the 552 games played and won, no less than 432 were won by single figure scores, and but 98 by double figures. A noteworthy feature of the campaign was, that while the New York Club won the championship by 84 victories to Chicago's 77, with but 47 defeats to Chicago's 58, they failed to score as many runs in the aggregate as the Chicago Club did, by 659 to 725, the Chicago's major-

ity of runs being 66. The New York Club's score of runs, in fact, was exceeded by Detroit, Boston, and even Indianapolis, the latter's aggregate of runs being 666.

Below will be found a complete summary of the statistics of the League campaign of 1888:

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.
Victories.....	84	77	69	70	68	66	50	48
Defeats.....	47	53	61	64	63	68	55	66
Drawn Games.....	7	1	1	3	3	4	1	2
Total Games Played.....	138	135	131	137	134	138	136	136
Won by Forfeit.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lost by Forfeit.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Per Cent. of Victories.....	.641	.570	.531	.522	.519	.493	.370	.358
Series Won.....	5	4	2	2	3	2	1	0
Series Lost.....	1	1	2	2	1	1	6	5
Series Tied.....	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Series Unfinished.....	6	4	6	4	5	3	3	5
Chicago Victories.....	19	13	16	7	10	13	6	6
Chicago Defeats.....	3	9	7	13	5	19	11	23
Home Victories.....	44	43	37	34	41	38	31	26
Home Defeats.....	23	26	31	29	26	30	35	38
Victories Abroad.....	40	34	32	36	27	28	19	22
Defeats Abroad.....	24	32	30	34	37	39	50	48
Extra Innings Victories.....	2	1	8	6	3	6	3	0
Extra Innings Defeats.....	2	1	3	8	6	0	5	4
Single Figure Victories.....	70	55	62	58	50	57	37	44
Single Figure Defeats.....	44	45	55	49	51	58	67	65
Double Figure Victories.....	13	22	6	12	18	9	13	4
Double Figure Defeats.....	4	12	6	15	12	10	18	21
Batting Average.....	.240	.247	.229	.240	.243	.223	.233	.207
Fielding Average.....	.918	.906	.919	.904	.916	.914	.904	.899
Highest Score in Games.....	19	21	17	20	18	14	15	22
Worst Defeat.....	4-11	0-14	1-14	0-13	2-12	1-16	0-13	0-14
Won by One Run.....	21	18	28	16	10	10	12	12
Lost by One Run.....	12	7	16	21	19	16	28	17
Total Runs Scored.....	659	725	536	669	716	531	666	482

The following is the record of the single figure victories scored in the League championship arena in 1888:

SINGLE FIGURE VICTORIES.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Pittsburg.	Chicago.	Detroit.	Washington.	Indianapolis.	Victories.
New York.....	12	10	8*	5	11	13	11	70	
Philadelphia.....	4	9	15	5	7	9	10	62	
Boston.....	0	0	9	5	6	12	9	58	
Pittsburg.....	7	6	7	0	8	8	13	57	

SINGLE FIGURE VICTORIES	New York.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Pittsburg.	Chicago.	Detroit.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Victories.
Chicago .....	11	7	6	6	...	7	6	10	55
Detroit .....	5	00	6	6	9	...	9	6	50
Washington .....	5	3	5	9	5	6	...	8	44
Indianapolis .....	5	4	4	5	5	6	...	...	37
Defeats .....	43	55	49	58	45	51	65	67	433

\* One victory scored by New York was from a forfeited game charged against the Pittsburg team as 9 to 0.

The following is the record of the double figure victories scored by the eight League clubs in the championship arena in 1888:

DOUBLE FIGURE VICTORIES.	Chicago.	Detroit.	New York.	Indianapolis.	Boston.	Pittsburg.	Philadelphia.	Washington.	Victories.
Chicago .....	...	3	0	4	4	3	1	7	22
Detroit .....	1	...	2	5	2	4	2	2	18
New York .....	3	0	...	3	2	1	2	2	13
Indianapolis .....	1	2	0	...	5	1	0	4	13
Boston .....	2	4	0	2	...	1	0	3	12
Pittsburg .....	3	2	0	1	1	...	0	2	9
Philadelphia .....	1	0	1	3	1	0	...	1	7
Washington .....	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	...	4
Defeats .....	12	12	4	18	15	10	6	21	89

The following table presents the figures of the series of games won and lost in the League championship arena in 1888. The letters "w" and "L" indicate games won and lost:

	New York.	Chicago.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Series Won.	Series Lost.	Series Tied.
New York...	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	5	1	0
Chicago.....	11.. 7	S.. 11	11 7..	10 7	14 5..	12 S..	14 5..	15.. 4	4	1	1
Detroit .....	7.. 11	10.. 10	...	10.. 10	11.. 7	S.. 10	11.. 8	11.. 8	3	1	2
Pittsburg...	7.. 10	1.. 9	10.. 10	...	6.. 14	S.. 10	14.. 6	10.. 6	1	1	1
Philadelphia.	5.. 14	10.. 8	7.. 11	14.. 6	...	10.. 9	13.. 4	10.. 6	2	2	0
Boston.....	8.. 13	7.. 12	10.. 8	10.. 8	9.. 10	...	11.. 9	15.. 5	2	2	0
Indianapolis.	5.. 14	6.. 14	S.. 11	6.. 14	4.. 13	9.. 11	...	12.. 6	1	0	0
Washington.	4.. 15	6.. 13	7.. 11	0.. 10	0 10	5.. 15	S.. 12	...	0	5	0

## THE "CHICAGO" GAMES OF 1888.

The record of the "Chicago" games—or games in which the defeated team did not score a single run—in the League championship series of 1888 is appended:

	New York.	Philadelphia.	Chicago.	Pittsburg.	Detroit.	Boston	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Victories.
New York.....	0	1	2	4	2	1	3	6	19
Philadelphia.....	0	0	3	6	1	4	0	2	16
Chicago.....	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	4	13
Pittsburg.....	1	2	1	0	0	2	4	3	13
Detroit.....	0	1	2	1	0	2	1	3	10
Boston.....	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	7
Indianapolis.....	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	6
Washington.....	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	6
Defeats.....	3	7	9	19	5	13	11	23	90

## EXTRA INNINGS GAMES.

The record of the victories and defeats scored by the eight League Clubs in extra innings games in the championship series of 1888 was as follows:

Date.	Contesting Clubs.	Cities.	Pitchers.	In's	Scr.
Sept. 1	Philadelphia v. Wash'n	Philadelph'a	Sanders.....Widner	12	2-0
July 30	" v. Boston.	Boston.....	Buffinton... Sanders	11	4-3
July 31	" v. "	Boston.....	Sanders... Clarkson	11	6-5
Sept. 22	" v. In'polis	Indiana'olis	Sanders..... Healy	11	6-5
May 26	" v. Boston.	Boston.....	Buffinton... Madden	10	1-0
Aug. 11	" v. Detroit.	Philadelph'a	Casey..... Getzein	10	1-0
Aug. 13	" v. In'polis	Philadelph'a	Buffinton... Burdick	10	2-1
Aug. 9	" v. Detroit	Philadelph'a	Casey..... Getzein	10	6-5
April 20	Pittsburg v. Detroit...	Pittsburg..	Morris..... Getzein	12	5-2
Aug. 1	" v. Chicago...	Chicago....	Galvin..... Baldwin	12	6-4
Sept. 21	" v. Boston...	Pittsburg..	Morris... Radbourne	10	2-1
Sept. 3	" v. Indianap's	Indiana'olis	Morris..... Healy	10	5-4
Sept. 4	" v. "	Indiana'olis	Galvin... Boyle	10	5-4
May 10	" v. Boston....	Pittsburg..	Morris..... Clarkson	10	11-10
June 28	Boston v. Washington.	Boston.....	Sowers..... O'Day	14	9-7
Aug. 15	" v. Detroit.....	Boston.....	Radbourne... Beatin	12	4-3
April 21	" v. Washington..	Washingt'n	Clarkson... O'Day	11	1-0
June 19	" v. New York...	Washingt'n	Sowers..... Keefe	11	8-7
April 30	" v. "	New York.	Clarkson... Welch	10	4-3
April 28	" v. Washington.	Washingt'n	Sowers..... Daily	10	4-3
July 30	Indianapolis v. Detroit.	Detroit....	Burdick... Getzein	11	6-5
July 31	" v. "	Detroit....	Healy... Conway	11	7-5
July 6	" v. Ph'd'phia	Indian'polis	Boyle..... Casey	11	9-8
June 8	Detroit v. Boston.....	Boston.....	Getzein... Clarkson	16	11-5
May 12	" v. Philadelphia	Detroit....	Conway.... Gleason	12	3-1
July 2	" v. Indianapolis	Indian'polis	Conway..... Healy	12	4-3
July 24	New York v. Boston...	New York.	Welch..... Madden	13	6-3
July 28	" v. Ph'd'phia	New York.	Keefe..... Sanders	10	4-2
June 6	Chicago v. Boston....	Boston.....	VanHalt'n.Radb'rne	10	3-2



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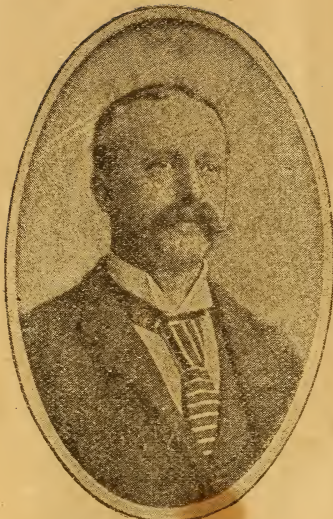
Date.	Contesting Clubs.	Cities.	Pitchers.	Innings	Score.
April 23	New York v. Was'ngt'n	Washingt'n	Welch . . . . . O'Day	13	1- 1
Aug. 13	Chicago v. New York.	New York.	Baldwin . . . . . Welch	12	5- 5
Sept. 3	Philadelphia v. N. York	New York.	Sanders . . . . . Keefe	11	0- 0
May 15	New York v. Pittsburg	Pittsburg ..	Keefe . . . . . Galvin	11	3- 3
Aug. 8	Pittsburg v. Boston ..	Boston . . . .	Morris . . . . . Sowders	11	3- 3
Sept. 28	Detroit v. New York...	New York.	Gruber . . . . . Titcomb	10	2- 2

The following is the record of the victories scored by the eight League Clubs on home grounds in the championship arena during 1888:

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Games Won.
New York.....	...	4	8	5	6	6	7	8	44
Chicago .....	6	...	4	7	5	4	9	8	43
Philadelphia.....	4	4	...	3	7	9	9	8	37
Boston.....	3	4	1	...	6	6	6	6	34
Detroit.....	4	5	8	5	...	7	6	6	41
Pittsburg.....	3	6	2	6	7	...	8	8	35
Indianapolis.....	3	5	3	5	4	4	...	6	31
Washington.....	1	4	4	3	4	5	5	...	28
Games Lost.....	24	32	30	34	37	39	50	46	294

The record of victories on opponent's grounds is as follows:

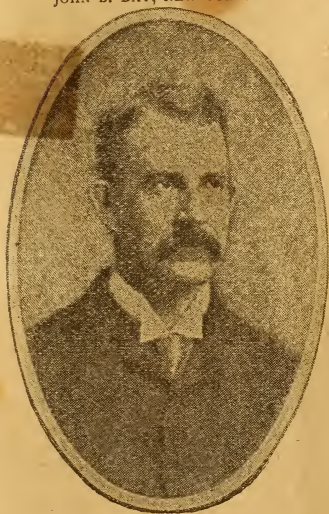
	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Games Won.
New York.....	...	4	6	7	5	4	7	7	40
Chicago .....	5	...	4	5	5	5	5	5	34
Philadelphia.....	1	6	...	6	2	6	4	5	32
Boston.....	5	3	6	...	4	4	5	5	36
Detroit.....	3	5	3	3	...	3	5	5	27
Pittsburg.....	4	5	4	2	3	...	6	4	27
Indianapolis.....	2	1	1	4	4	2	...	5	19
Washington.....	3	2	5	2	3	4	3	...	22
Games Lost.....	23	26	31	20	26	30	35	38	238



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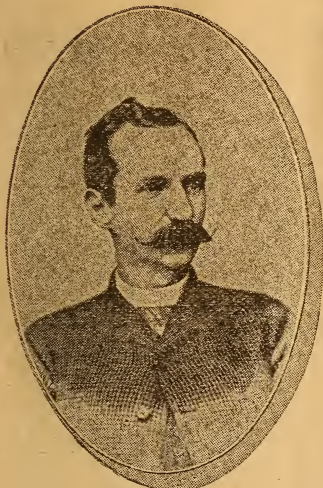


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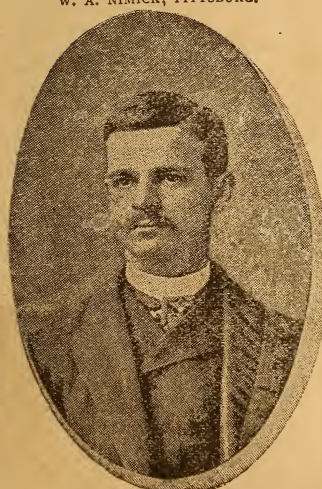
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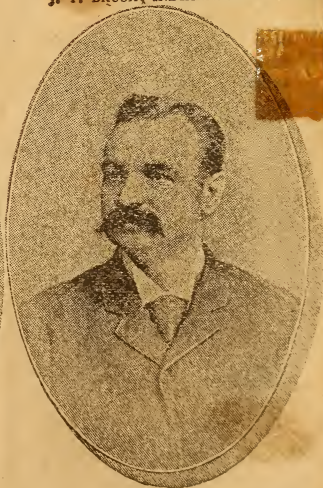
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## THE LESSONS OF THE LEAGUE CAMPAIGN OF 1888.

Among the noteworthy results of the League championship campaign of 1888 meriting special comment as affording lessons to be profited by in the future, may be named, first, the success of the Eastern Club of New York, in winning the pennant from the West; secondly, that of the Chicago Club in attaining second place in the race in the face of drawbacks which, under any other management, would have sufficed to have left the Club among the tail-enders; and thirdly, the remarkable failure of the Boston Club to attain even one of the three leading positions in the race, after that club had incurred such a heavy expense in strengthening its team with "star" players. The success of the New York Club in winning the championship, introducing, as it did, a new possessor of the League pennant and its accompanying honors, may justly be regarded as an advantage to the general interests of the National League; inasmuch as it is anything but desirable that one club should, season after season, carry off the honors, as the old Boston Club did in the early history of the professional championship contest; or as the Chicago Club has done in monopolizing the championship of the National League during the past thirteen years of its history. Such monopoly of the honors of each season's campaign, by one or two of the leading clubs of each year, materially lessens the public interest taken in the annual competition. Besides which, it interferes, to a costly extent, with the financial prosperity of a majority of the competing clubs. Now that a club, new to championship honors, has replaced one of the monopolists, the other previously unsuccessful clubs will begin to entertain hopes of being able to "get in at the death," as the fox hunters say, in future pennant races, if not this ensuing year, and thereby a new interest will be imparted to coming campaigns.

A feature of the past campaign of 1888 worthy of remark, too, is the fact of the surprisingly good work on the field accomplished by the so-called "weakened Chicago team." While this work was unquestionably due in a great measure to able management, the assisting element of "temperance in the ranks" had much to do with it. It is equally unquestionable that the very reverse had a great deal to do with the lamentable failure of the Boston team to follow up the success with which that club's team opened the campaign. The contrast these two clubs presented in this special respect calls for the most earnest consideration of the vital question of insisting upon temperate habits in all the club teams during the period of the championship season each year. The evil of drunkenness among the professional teams is one which has grown upon the fraternity until it has become too costly an abuse



to be longer tolerated. Drunken professionals should be driven from service just as the crooks of a dozen years ago were, never to be allowed to return. Drunken players are not only a costly drawback to success individually, but they permeate the whole baseball fraternity with a demoralizing influence. The fact is, professional baseball playing has arrived at that point of excellence, and reached so advanced a position in regard to its financial possibilities, that it will no longer pay, in any solitary respect, to allow players of drinking habits in first-class teams. The demands of the game, as it is now played, are such as to require a player to have all his wits about him to play ball up to the standard it has now reached. He needs the steadiest of nerves, the clearest eyesight, the most unclouded judgment, and the healthiest physique to play the game as it is required to be done by the exacting public patrons of the present day. Another thing, the capitalists who have ventured thousands of dollars in baseball stock companies, can no longer allow their money to be risked in teams which are weakened by the presence of men of drinking habits. Mr. Spalding's plucky and most successful experiment has conclusively shown that a baseball team run on temperance principles can successfully compete with teams stronger in other respects, but which are weakened by the toleration of drinking habits in their ranks. Here is a lesson taught by the campaign of 1888 which points a moral, if it does not adorn a tale.

Another special lesson of the past campaign which was practically illustrated by the Boston Club was, that star players do not make a winning team. The fact is, the pennant cannot be won by any costly outlay in securing the services of this, that, or the other "greatest player in the country." It is well managed and harmonious teams, not picked nines led by special stars, which win in the long run. Now and then—as there are exceptions in all cases—a picked nine will attain a certain degree of success. But for steady struggles for permanent success in the professional championship arena, team work of the very best, and admirably managed teams will alone achieve steady victory. The old Boston teams under Harry Wright, and the Chicago teams under Anson, are a standing proof of this fact. Let the National League magnates ponder these truths earnestly.

### THE LEAGUE PITCHING OF 1888.

While there is no more reliable a record, by which to estimate a pitcher's skill in the box, than the figures showing the runs clean earned off the pitching; in the absence of such figures the best criterion is that of the record of victories and defeats pitched in, the percentage of victories to games played being the deciding point in awarding the palm of superior work in the box. In 1888 the pitchers were handicapped by the absurd rule which charged

runs scored on bases on balls as *earned* runs, successive bases on balls giving an earned run to the batting side, even in the absence of a single base hit. To estimate a pitcher's skill on such a basis is nonsense. As the scoring rules do not admit of the record of data showing runs clean earned off the pitching, and not off the fielding and pitching combined, we are obliged to make up a record of the percentage of victories as the only reliable figures at command on which to judge the pitching of the season. By and by the Committee of Conference will get out of the old rut in this respect, and then correct data will be available; until then we must do the best we can under the circumstances, and consequently the names of the pitchers of the League Clubs who took part in not less than ten games are appended, and these are placed in the order of the best percentage of victories.

	PITCHERS.	CLUB.	Won.	Lost.	Played.	Percentage.
1	Keefe.....	New York.....	35	12	47	.745
2	Conway.....	Detroit.....	31	14	45	.689
3	Buffinton.....	Philadelphia..	29	15	44	.659
4	Sanders.....	Philadelphia....	19	10	29	.655
5	Krock.....	Chicago.....	25	14	39	.641
6	Titcomb.....	New York.....	14	8	22	.636
7	Clarkson.....	Boston.....	33	20	53	.623
8	Tener.....	Chicago.....	7	5	12	.583
9	Welch.....	New York.....	26	19	45	.577
10	Sowders.....	Boston.....	19	15	34	.559
11	Morris.....	Pittsburg.....	29	24	53	.547
12	Van Haltren.....	Chicago.....	13	11	24	.542
13	Staley.....	Pittsburg.....	12	12	24	.500
14	Burdick.....	Indianapolis....	10	10	20	.500
15	Galvin.....	Pittsburg.....	23	25	48	.479
16	Whitney.....	Washington.....	19	21	40	.475
17	Baldwin.....	Chicago.....	13	15	28	.464
18	Gruber.....	Detroit.....	11	13	24	.458
19	Crane.....	New York.....	5	6	11	.455
20	Casey.....	Philadelphia....	14	19	33	.424
21	Beatin.....	Detroit.....	5	7	12	.417
22	Getzein.....	Detroit.....	18	26	44	.409
23	Boyle.....	Indianapolis....	15	22	37	.405
24	Madden.....	Boston.....	7	12	19	.368
25	Widner.....	Washington....	4	7	11	.364
26	O'Day.....	Washington.....	16	31	47	.340
27	Shreve.....	Indianapolis....	11	24	35	.314
28	Radbourn.....	Boston.....	7	16	23	.304
29	Gleason.....	Philadelphia....	7	17	24	.292

Some remarkable pitching was done during the season of 1888, alike in the American arena, as in the League. The strategic work was up to a very high mark in the League, and in this, Keefe, Conway, Buffinton, Clarkson, Welch, Galvin, and Morris

bore off the palm, while in speed alone, Crane of New York excelled.

The detailed record of victories and defeats pitched in during the championship campaign of 1888 by those who pitched in at least five victories, is as follows. The names are given in the order of most victories and fewest defeats:

VICTORIES..

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Victories.
Keefe.....	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	6	35
Clarkson.....	5	5	5	5	6	1	6	6	33
Conway.....	5	5	5	2	5	5	5	3	31
Buffinton.....	3	4	4	5	2	7	5	3	29
Morris.....	6	3	4	5	3	1	4	4	29
Welch.....	3	3	5	6	1	4	3	3	26
Krock.....	5	2	2	3	4	3	4	4	25
Sanders.....	0	3	2	3	1	3	5	4	19
Sowers.....	3	1	2	2	2	4	2	5	19
Whitney.....	3	3	4	3	1	3	2	2	19
Getzein.....	0	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	18
O'Day.....	1	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	16
Boyle.....	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	3	15
Titcomb.....	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	4	14
Casey.....	0	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	14
Van Haltren.....	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	4	13
Baldwin.....	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	0	13
Staley.....	0	2	0	1	1	1	5	3	12
Gruber.....	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	11
Shreve.....	2	1	0	3	3	1	1	1	14
Burdick.....	1	3	0	1	1	3	1	1	10
Tener.....	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	7
Madden.....	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	1	7
Radbourne.....	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	3	7
Gleason.....	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	7
Crane.....	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	5
Beatin.....	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	5

DEFEATS.

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Defeats.
Tener.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Crane.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	6
Beatin.....	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	7
Titcomb.....	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	5
Sanders.....	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	10

	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Defeats.
Burdick .....	1	1	3	1	1	0	...	3	10
Van Haltren .....	2	...	1	2	3	2	1	0	11
Keefe .....	...	4	1	4	0	1	2	0	12
Staley .....	2	1	2	2	3	...	1	1	12
Madden .....	3	2	2	...	2	2	1	0	12
Gruber .....	3	1	2	2	...	0	2	3	13
Conway .....	2	2	1	2	...	3	1	3	14
Krock .....	2	...	2	3	2	3	1	1	14
Buffinton .....	4	2	...	3	2	2	1	1	15
Sowders .....	3	2	4	...	2	2	2	0	15
Baldwin .....	1	...	1	1	4	4	2	2	15
Radbourne .....	2	5	0	...	2	2	2	3	16
Gleason .....	2	3	...	3	3	1	0	5	17
Welch .....	...	0	4	3	2	2	1	1	19
Casey .....	5	1	...	1	5	2	3	2	19
Clarkson .....	4	3	4	...	2	2	3	2	20
Whitney .....	4	1	2	5	2	4	3	...	21
Boyle .....	5	5	3	3	1	5	...	0	22
Morris .....	3	4	4	2	3	...	2	6	24
Shreve .....	4	4	4	2	5	3	...	2	24
Galvin .....	4	3	7	5	3	...	1	2	25
Getzein .....	5	3	3	4	...	7	3	1	26
O'Day .....	4	5	4	5	3	3	7	..	31

These pitching records not only present a tolerably fair criterion of a pitcher's skill in the box—though of course not as reliable as the data of clean earned runs off his pitching or of clean hits made from it—but they afford an interesting and instructive record from which to judge of the success of a pitcher in defeating one particular team more frequently than he does another, and vice versa. In fact, experience has shown that no matter how effective a pitcher may be in a season's work, it will be found that there is always one team which bothers him more than any other he has to face, just as shown in the above quoted instances.

In regard to judging of a pitcher's ability as a fielder in his position by the fielding averages of pitchers, the basis was made equally as unreliable as the estimate of earned runs was, owing to the fact that the data of the fielding averages of a pitcher were made up from the figures of "assistance on strikes" as well as from legitimate fielding assistances. For this reason the pitcher, who was really a poor fielder in his position in fielding balls from the bat, but who happened to be fortunate in striking batsmen out by his pitching—thereby getting a big record of pitching assistances—became the leader in the pitcher's fielding averages; while the pitcher who really excelled as a fielder when in the box, but who was not as fortunate in striking out his batting opponents, and therefore could not furnish as good a record of assistances on strikes, was set down in the fielding averages as a tail-end.



The individual club record of the pitching of 1888 presents some interesting figures. For instance, we find that while Chicago used no less than eleven pitchers during the championship season Philadelphia was content with but four. No less than twenty new pitchers entered the League season in 1888, and of these, Sanders of Philadelphia; Tener and Krock of Chicago; Sowders of Boston; Staley of Pittsburgh; Burdick of Indianapolis, and Widner of Washington, proved to be acquisitions.

Below will be found the individual club pitching records for 1888, showing the victories and defeats each club pitcher participated in as an occupant of the box. The names given in italics are those of pitchers new to the League arena:

**EASTERN CLUBS.**

NEW YORK.	Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
	Keefe.....	3	4	5	1	5	4	5	0	3	1	8	2	6	0	35	12
Welch.....	3	6	5	4	6	3	1	2	4	2	3	1	4	1	26	19	45
Titcomb.....	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	0	4	1	14	8	22
Crane.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	5	6	11
George.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
Weidman...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Totals.....	8	11	14	5	12	8	11	7	*9	7	14	5	15	4	83	47	130

\*One game with Pittsburg was won by forfeit.

CHICAGO.	New York.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
	Krock.....	5	2	2	2	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	1	4	1	25	14
Van Haltren	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	4	0	13	11	24
Baldwin...	3	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	2	4	2	2	0	2	13	15	28
Tener.....	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	7	5	12
Dwyer.....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	1	5
Borchers....	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	5	9
Ryan.....	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Gumpert....	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	3	6
Clark.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Brynan.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3
Mains.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
Totals.....	11	8	8	*9	12	7	10	10	9	11	14	6	13	6	77	57	134

\*One defeat with the Philadelphia Club was by forfeit.

PHILA- DELPHIA.	New York.		Chicago.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Buffinton. . .	3	4	4	2	5	3	2	2	7	2	5	1	3	1	29	15	44
Sanders.....	0	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	5	0	4	1	19	10	29
Casey.....	1	5	2	1	2	1	4	5	2	2	2	3	1	2	14	19	33
Glason.....	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	5	7	17	24
Totals.....	5	14	*9	8	10	9	7	11	*15	6	13	4	10	9	60	71	130

BOSTON.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Clarkson....	5	4	5	3	5	4	6	2	1	2	5	3	6	2	33	20	53
Sowders . . .	3	3	1	2	2	4	2	2	4	2	2	2	5	0	19	15	34
Madden ....	0	3	0	2	2	2	0	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	7	12	19
Radbourne..	0	2	1	5	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	3	3	7	16	23
Conway.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	5
Totals.....	8	12	7	10	9	10	10	8	10	8	11	9	15	5	70	64	134

DETROIT.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Conway.....	5	2	5	2	5	1	2	2	5	3	6	1	3	3	31	14	45
Getzein .....	0	5	4	3	4	3	2	4	2	7	3	3	3	1	18	26	44
Gruber.....	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	0	2	2	1	3	11	13	24
Beatin .....	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	5	7	12
Baldwin ....	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	6
Totals.....	7	11	10	10	11	7	8	10	10	10	11	8	11	7	68	63	131

PITTSBURG.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Morris.....	6	3	3	4	4	4	6	2	3	3	4	2	3	6	29	24	53
Galvin.....	1	4	5	3	2	7	1	5	6	3	5	1	3	2	23	25	48
Staley.....	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	3	5	1	3	1	12	12	24
Knell.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3
Henderson..	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	5
Maul.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals.....	7	*9	11	9	6	*15	8	10	10	10	14	6	10	9	66	68	134

\*One game with New York was forfeited, and one defeat with Philadelphia thrown out.

INDIAN-APOLIS.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Washington.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Boyle.....	2	5	1	5	2	3	4	3	2	1	1	5	3	0	15	22	37
Healy.....	0	3	1	4	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	6	5	3	12	24	36
Shreve.....	2	4	1	4	0	4	3	2	3	5	1	3	1	2	11	24	35
Burdick.....	1	1	3	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	3	10	10	20
Moffat.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	5	7
Totals.....	5	14	6	14	4	13	9	11	8	11	6	14	12	8	50	85	135

WASHINGTON.	New York.		Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
Whitney....	3	4	3	1	4	2	3	5	1	2	3	4	2	3	15	21	40
O'Day.....	1	4	2	5	3	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	7	16	31	47
Keefe.....	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	6	7	13
Widner.....	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	7	11
Daily.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	4	6
Gilmore....	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	10	11
Greening...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Haddock...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2
Shaw.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
Totals.....	4	15	6	13	0	10	5	15	7	11	9	10	8	12	48	86	134

The retiring pitchers of the year were McCormick of Pittsburgh, Ferguson of Philadelphia, who died early in the season; Weidman and Twitchell of Detroit; Shaw of Washington; Mattimore of New York; Pyle and Sprague of Chicago; Leitner, Morrison and Kirby of Indianapolis, and Stemmyer of Boston

## THE MONTHLY RECORDS.

The month of *April* saw Boston taking the lead in the record of victories for that month, that club not sustaining a single defeat in April. Chicago stood second, with New York and Pittsburgh tied in the number of victories and defeats credited and charged to each club, Detroit standing fifth, while Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Washington brought up the rear.

*In May* Chicago led all the other teams in their victories that month; Detroit being second, Philadelphia third, New York fourth, and Boston fifth, Indianapolis being sixth, with Pittsburgh and Washington tied for last place in the May record, Boston and Pittsburgh falling off badly this month.

*In June* Detroit won the most victories, it being their best month's work of the season, Chicago being second, Philadelphia third, New York fourth, Boston fifth, Washington sixth, with Indianapolis seventh and Pittsburgh last, it being the latter club's poorest month's work of the campaign.

*In July* the new rule of management, inaugurated by Mr. Day, placed New York in the front, and the result was that the "Giants" in July made the best month's record of the season, over 18 victories to but five defeats; Detroit stood second on the list in July victories, with Pittsburgh third, the latter making a good rally in July; Indianapolis, too, played well this month and stood fourth, Washington being fifth, and Chicago sixth, the latter taking a bad tumble, Philadelphia and Boston being the two last in July victories, Boston winning but five victories out of twenty-two games, that club's worst monthly record.

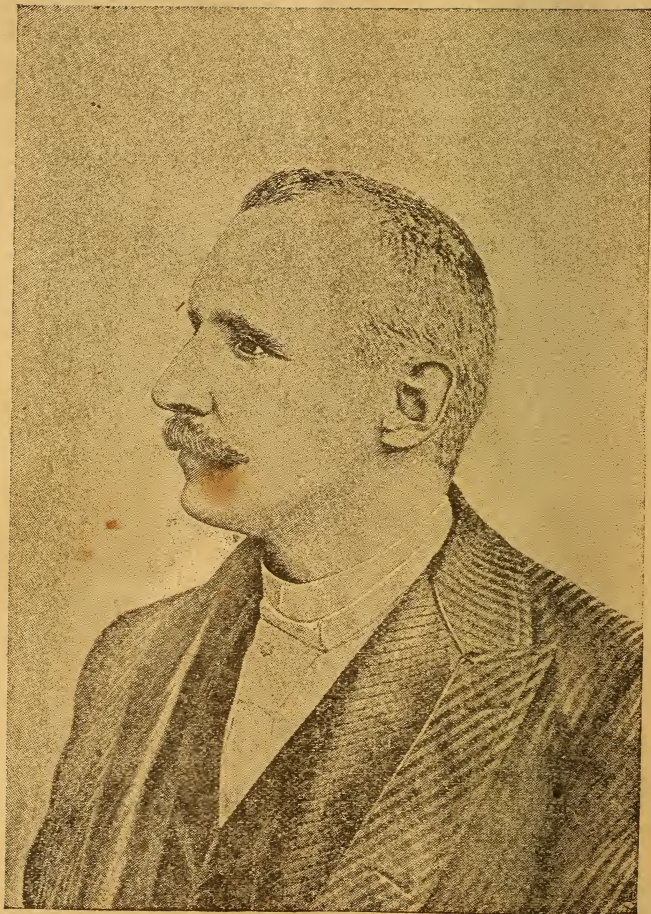
*In August* Boston rallied in brilliant style, scoring 16 victories out of 22 games, quite a contrast to their poor work in July; New York was second, and Pittsburgh third, the latter doing better, even, than in July; Philadelphia stood fourth, Chicago fifth, Washington sixth, with Indianapolis seventh and Detroit last, the latter only winning five victories out of 21 games in August.

*In September* Chicago rallied well and went to the front in the record of the month's victories, Pittsburgh being second, New York third, Detroit fourth—the latter rallying; Philadelphia sixth, with Indianapolis and Washington bringing up the rear. By the close of the month New York had virtually settled the question of the championship, and the only struggle left was that for second place.



*In October* Philadelphia made its usual "spurt" at the finish, and that club won eight out of nine games in October, after giving Chicago a close fight for second place, and came in a good third in the pennant race. - New York was second in the October victories, Boston third, Pittsburgh and Washington tied for fourth, Chicago was sixth—that club gaining second position in the pennant race; Indianapolis and Washington being the two last. Here is the full record of the monthly victories and defeats of the campaign:

	April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Totals.		
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	P.
New York..	5	3	12	9	13	11	18	5	16	8	13	8	7	3	84	47	131
Chicago....	6	2	15	7	14	8	10	14	12	13	16	9	4	5	77	58	135
Philadelphia	2	7	12	7	13	10	9	15	15	9	10	12	8	1	69	61	130
Boston.....	9	0	11	13	12	11	5	17	16	6	12	12	5	5	70	64	134
Detroit.. ....	3	5	14	8	16	6	14	10	5	16	13	11	3	7	68	63	131
Pittsburg....	5	3	7	14	5	15	13	9	16	9	15	12	5	6	66	68	131
Indianapolis	2	6	8	14	7	14	13	11	6	21	10	13	4	6	30	85	135
Washington	1	7	7	14	9	14	11	12	10	14	5	19	5	6	48	86	134



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**THE LEADING PLAYERS OF THE LEAGUE.**

Looking over the League averages, and taking those players who have taken part in a majority of the championship contests of the season, we find the appended names among those occupying the leading positions at the bat and in the field.

Of those who played in one hundred games and over in the League championship arena, the following comprise the first ten batsmen:

	BATSMEN.	CLUB.	Games.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	134	.343
2	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	130	.331
3	Kelly.....	Boston.....	105	.318
4	Brouthers.....	Detroit.....	129	.306
5	Ewing.....	New York.....	103	.306
6	White.....	Detroit.....	125	.293
7	Johnston.....	Boston.....	135	.295
8	Tiernan.....	New York.....	113	.293
9	Connor.....	New York.....	134	.291
10	Nash.....	Boston.....	135	.283

Of those who played in one hundred games and over in the League campaign, the following are the first seven in fielding averages:

FIELDERS.	POSITION.	CLUB.	Games.	Fielding Average	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Anson.....	First Baseman...	Chicago.....	134	.985	.343
Richardson.....	Second Baseman.	New York.....	135	.942	.220
Nash.....	Third Baseman..	Boston.....	104	.913	.283
Glasscock.....	Short Stop.....	Indianapolis....	109	.900	.269
Hornung.....	Left Fielder.....	Boston.....	107	.917	.239
Slatery.....	Center Fielder..	New York.....	103	.917	.245
Tiernan.....	Right Fielder..	New York.....	113	.959	.293

Of the pitchers who took part in 50 games and over, the following led in fielding averages:

No pitcher or catcher played in 100 games.

PITCHERS.	CLUB.	Games.	Fielding Average.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Keefe.....	New York.....	51	.785	.127
Galvin.....	Pittsburg.....	50	.758	.143
Morris.....	Pittsburg.....	54	.732	.102
Clarkson.....	Boston.....	54	.678	.195

Of the catchers who took part in 60 games and over, the following led in fielding averages:

CATCHERS.	CLUB.	Games.	Fielding Average.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Bennett.....	Detroit.....	72	.941	.263
Daly.....	Chicago.....	62	.880	.191
Clements.....	Philadelphia.....	84	.874	.247
Ewing.....	New York.....	78	.861	.306
Mick.....	Washington.....	79	.843	.186
Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	68	.805	.277
Kelly.....	Boston.....	74	.796	.318

### THE BASE RUNNING RECORD.

Those of the League championship players who are credited with not less than 50 stolen bases in the pennant race, are as follows:

BASE RUNNERS.	CLUB.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
Hoy.....	Washington.....	139	82
Seery.....	Indianapolis.....	133	80
Sunday.....	Pittsburg.....	119	71
Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	136	64
Ryan.....	Chicago.....	130	60
Fogarty.....	Philadelphia.....	120	58
Kely.....	Boston.....	105	56
Ewing.....	New York.....	103	53
Tiernan.....	New York.....	113	52

The above are the leaders in seven of the eight League clubs. Hanlon led in the Detroit team, but he only scored 38 stolen



bases in 108 games. The Detroit team was singularly weak in this respect.

Mr. R. M. Larner of Washington has made up an interesting table from the figures of the League averages, which presents some very interesting statistics of the base running in the League during the championship season of 1888. Mr. Larner says:

“The official averages of League players contain the number of bases stolen by each player during the season, but furnish no means of comparison between the clubs in that most important department of the game. A glance, however, shows that the three tail-end clubs possess the three most successful base-runners in the League, in Hoy of the Washingtons; Seery of Indianapolis, and Sunday of Pittsburgh, the latter of whom would probably have finished first had an accident not prevented him from playing during the last two weeks of the season.”

The following table includes in its first column all those methods of reaching first base, except the force-outs, which cannot be ascertained, and would not materially affect the record, in this comparison. Indianapolis and Washington still lead, Pittsburgh comes well to the front, pushing the next three clubs down a peg each, and the Phillies and Detroit keep their places at the foot:

CLUBS.	Reached 1st Base.	Stolen Bases.	Percent-ages.
Indianapolis.....	1,589	350	220
Washington.....	1,515	331	218
Pittsburg.....	1,474	282	191
New York.....	1,772	315	178
Boston.....	1,719	292	170
Chicago.....	1,720	285	166
Philadelphia.....	1,569	246	157
Detroit.....	1,843	193	105

Mr. Larner says: “The simple total of bases stolen is misleading as to a club’s proficiency in base running, since the strong batting clubs having more men who reach first base have more chances to steal, and hence excel in totals, while in percentages they fall below clubs which are weaker in batting. The true measure is the relation between the number of bases stolen and the number of chances offered for the attempt, which is the whole number of those who reach first base, whether on hits, balls, errors, hits by pitcher, illegal delivery, or force-outs.”

### THE CLUB RECORD OF STOLEN BASES.

The record in stolen bases in championship games, showing the first man of each club in base stealing for 1888 is appended.

Taking the total bases stolen by each club nine as the criterion, Indianapolis takes the lead, with Washington second and New York third, followed by Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Detroit in regular order, the latter club being the weakest of the eight League teams in base running. Here is the record in full:

INDIANAPOLIS.			BOSTON.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Seery.....	133	80	1 Kelly.....	105	16
2 McGeachy.....	118	49	2 Brown.....	107	46
3 Glasscock.....	112	48	3 Johnston.....	135	35
4 Denny.....	126	32	4 Wise.....	104	33
5 Hines.....	132	31	5 Hornung.....	107	29
6 Myers.....	66	28	6 Morrill.....	134	21
7 Bossett.....	128	24	7 Nash.....	135	20
8 Daily.....	57	15	8 Quinn.....	35	12
9 Esterbrook.....	64	11	9 Sutton.....	28	10
Total.....	318		Total.....	262	

WASHINGTON.			PITTSBURG.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Hoy.....	136	82	1 Sunday.....	119	71
2 Wilmot.....	119	46	2 Smith.....	130	32
3 Donnelly.....	117	44	3 Dunlap.....	81	24
4 Daily.....	110	44	4 Miller.....	103	27
5 Mack.....	85	31	5 Beckley.....	71	20
6 Schock.....	90	23	6 Carroll.....	95	18
7 Myers.....	132	20	7 Kuehne.....	137	17
8 Irwin.....	37	15	8 Coleman.....	115	15
9 O'Brien.....	133	10	9 Fields.....	41	9
Total.....	315		Total.....	218	

NEW YORK.			PHILADELPHIA.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Ewing.....	103	53	1 Fogart.....	120	58
2 Tiernan.....	113	52	2 Delahanty.....	74	38
3 Ward.....	122	38	3 Andrews.....	123	35
4 Richardson.....	135	35	4 Farrar.....	130	21
5 Connor.....	134	27	5 Wood.....	105	20
6 Slattery.....	103	26	6 Irwin.....	124	19
7 O'Rourke.....	107	25	7 Mulvey.....	99	18
8 Gore.....	64	9	8 Sanders.....	57	13
9 Whitney.....	90	8	9 Bastian.....	80	12
Total.....	280		Total.....	234	

CHICAGO.			DETROIT.		
PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.	PLAYERS.	Games.	Stolen Bases.
1 Pfeffier.....	136	64	1 Hanlon.....	108	38
2 Ryan.....	130	60	2 Brouthers.....	129	34
3 Burns.....	134	34	3 Campau.....	70	27
4 Anson.....	134	28	4 Twitchell.....	130	14
5 Williamson.....	132	25	5 Richardson.....	57	13
6 Van Haltren.....	81	21	6 White.....	125	12
7 Duffy.....	71	13	7 Ganzell.....	93	12
8 Daly.....	65	10	8 Rowe.....	105	10
9 Sullivan.....	75	9	9 Getzein.....	45	6
Total.....	264		Total.....	166	

The following table is for immediate reference. It shows the winning club for each season from 1871 to 1888 inclusive; as also the manager of each of the champion clubs of each year:

Year.	WINNING CLUB.	MANAGER.	Victories.	Defeats.	Games Played
1871	Athletic.....	Hayhurst.....	22	7	29
1872	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	39	8	47
1873	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	43	16	59
1874	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	52	18	70
1875	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	71	8	79
1876	Chicago.....	Spalding.....	52	14	66
1877	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	31	17	48
1878	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	41	19	60
1879	Providence.....	G. Wright.....	55	23	78
1880	Chicago.....	Anson.....	67	18	84
1881	Chicago.....	Anson.....	56	28	84
1882	Chicago.....	Anson.....	55	29	84
1883	Boston.....	H. Wright.....	63	35	98
1884	Providence.....	Bancroft.....	84	28	112
1885	Chicago.....	Anson.....	87	25	112
1886	Chicago.....	Anson.....	90	34	124
1887	Detroit.....	Watkins.....	79	45	124
1888	New York.....	Mutrie.....	84	47	131

It will be seen that in the old Professional Association the Boston club won the pennant four times, and the Athletics once, while in the League the Chicago Club won it six times, the Boston Club three times, the Providence Club twice, and the Detroit and New York once each. The best percentage of victories was made by the Boston Club in 1875, that being the best on record in professional club history.

## THE CHAMPION LEAGUE TEAM OF 1888.

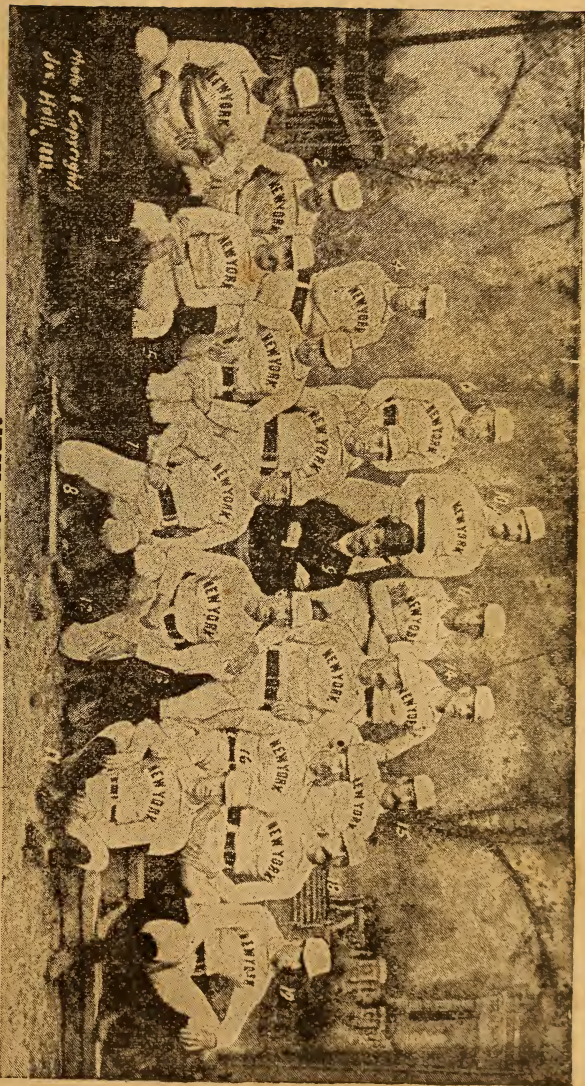
Though the New York Club's team for 1888 included over twenty different players, only seven of them took part in one hundred championship matches and over, and these were Richardson, 135; Connor, 134; Ward, 122; Tiernan, 113; O'Rourke, 107; Ewing, 103, and Slattery, 103. Whitney took part in 90; Gore in 64; Keefe in 51; Welch in 47; Foster in 37; Murphy in 28; Hatfield in 27; Titcomb in 23; Brown in 17, and Crane in but 11. All the others played in less than ten games. The first nine were Keefe p, Ewing c, Connor 1b, Richardson 2b, Whitney, 3b, Ward ss, O'Rourke lf, Slattery cf, and Tiernan, rf, these playing the nine positions respectively. The appended table presents an interesting epitome of the work done on the field by the New York team in the championship contests of the past season:

NEW YORK. vs.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Washington.	Totals.
Victories.....	8	14	12	11	10	14	15	84
Defeats.....	11	5	8	7	7	5	4	47
Drawn Games.....	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	7
Series Won.....	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	5
Series Lost.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Series Unfinished.....	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6
Victories by Forfeit.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
"Chicago" Victories.....	2	1	1	2	4	3	6	19
"Chicago" Defeats.....	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Single Figure Victories.....	5	12	10	11	8	11	14	71
Single Figure Defeats.....	11	4	8	5	7	5	4	44
Double Figure Victories.....	3	2	2	0	1	3	2	13
Double Figure Defeats.....	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	4
Extra Innings Games.....	1	2	3	1	1	0	1	9
Victories at Home.....	4	8	5	5	6	7	8	43
Defeats at Home.....	5	1	5	3	4	2	3	23
Victories Abroad.....	4	6	7	5	4	7	7	40
Defeats Abroad.....	6	4	3	4	3	3	1	24

## THE PITCHING RECORD.

The pitching record of the champion team of 1888 is worthy of note in regard to the figures showing the victories won and defeats





**NEW YORK TEAM.**

- 1. TITCOMB.
- 2. KEEFE.
- 3. WHITNEY.
- 4. SLATTERY.
- 5. WARD.
- 6. RICHARDSON.
- 7. FOSTER.
- 8. WELCH.
- 9. MURRIE.
- 10. CRANE.
- 11. GEORGE.
- 12. EWING.
- 13. CONNOR.
- 14. HATFIELD.
- 15. GORE.
- 16. O'ROURKE.
- 17. TIERNAN.
- 18. MURPHY.
- 19. BROWN.

sustained by each pitcher in his games with the seven opposing clubs. Here is the record in full, the names being given in the order of percentage of victories. Despite this method of estimating the pitching strength there is no questioning the fact of the superiority of Keefe, Welch and Titcomb according to the record each made against the clubs they were opposed to:

	Chicago.		Philadelphia.		Boston.		Detroit.		Pittsburg.		Indianapolis.		Washington.		Totals.		Per cent. of Victories.
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	
Keefe .....	3	4	5	1	5	4	5	0	3	1	3	2	6	0	35	12	.744
George .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.666
Titcomb .....	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	0	4	1	14	8	.636
Welch .....	3	6	5	4	6	3	1	2	4	2	3	1	4	1	26	19	.577
Weidman .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.500
Crane .....	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	5	6	.450
Totals .....	8	11	14	5	12	8	11	7	9	7	14	5	*15	4	83	47	

\* The game forfeited by Pittsburg is, of course, not included.

In the pitching averages, based on the existing method of estimating earned runs off the pitching, the record stands as follows:

PITCHERS.	Per cent. earn'd Runs per Game.		Per cent. of Base Hits.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	
Keefe .....	1.42	.198	
Welch .....	1.47	.201	
Titcomb .....	1.82	.212	

The other three pitchers did not pitch in a dozen games.

**THE FULL LEAGUE RECORD.**

The following record presents the scores of the total victories won by every League Club each year since the National League was organized, the table presenting the figures of thirteen consecutive seasons from 1876 to 1888 inclusive:

	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	Yrs
Chicago.....	52	18	30	44	67	56	55	59	62	87	90	71	77	13
Boston.....	39	31	41	49	40	38	45	63	73	46	56	61	70	13
Providence..	.....	.....	38	55	52	47	52	58	84	53	.....	.....	.....	8
Detroit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	42	40	28	41	87	79	68	9
Buffalo.....	.....	.....	.....	44	24	45	45	52	64	38	.....	.....	.....	7
Cleveland..	.....	.....	.....	24	47	36	42	55	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
New York..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	62	85	75	68	84	6
Philad'phia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	39	56	71	75	69	6
St. Louis...	45	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	43	.....	.....	4
Cincinnati..	9	.....	37	38	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Troy.....	.....	.....	.....	19	41	39	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Worcester..	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	32	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	46	48	3
Indianapolis	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	59	3
Hartford....	47	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Louisville..	30	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Pittsburg...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	66	2
Athletic....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Mutual.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Syracuse....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Milwaukee..	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Kansas City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	1
<b>Totals....</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>541</b>	

**THE COMPLETE RECORD.**

Following is a summary showing the results of each year's campaign since the organization of the League:

1876.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.		Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago.....	52	14	.788	Louisville.....	30	36	.455
Hartford.....	47	21	.691	Mutual.....	21	35	.375
St. Louis.....	45	19	.703	Athletic.....	14	45	.237
Boston.....	39	31	.557	Cincinnati.....	9	56	.135

1877.

Boston.....	31	17	.648	St. Louis.....	19	29	.396
Louisville.....	28	20	.583	Chicago.....	18	30	.375
Hartford.....	24	24	.500				

1878.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.		Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Boston .....	41	19	.707	Chicago .....	30	30	.500
Cincinnati .....	37	23	.617	Indianapolis .....	24	36	.400
Providence .....	33	27	.550	Milwaukee .....	15	45	.250

1879.

Providence .....	55	23	.705	Cincinnati .....	38	36	.514
Boston .....	49	29	.628	Cleveland .....	24	53	.312
Chicago .....	44	32	.579	Troy .....	19	56	.253
Buffalo .....	44	32	.579	Syracuse .....	15	27	.357

1880.

Chicago .....	67	17	.798	Worcester .....	40	43	.482
Providence .....	52	32	.619	Boston .....	40	44	.474
Cleveland .....	47	37	.559	Buffalo .....	24	53	.293
Troy .....	41	42	.494	Cincinnati .....	21	59	.263

1881.

Chicago .....	56	28	.667	Troy .....	37	45	.464
Providence .....	47	37	.559	Boston .....	38	45	.458
Buffalo .....	45	38	.542	Cleveland .....	36	48	.429
Detroit .....	41	43	.488	Worcester .....	32	50	.390

1882.

Chicago .....	55	29	.655	Cleveland .....	42	40	.512
Providence .....	52	32	.619	Detroit .....	42	41	.506
Buffalo .....	45	39	.536	Troy .....	35	48	.422
Boston .....	45	39	.536	Worcester .....	18	66	.214

1883.

Boston .....	63	35	.643	Buffalo .....	52	45	.539
Chicago .....	59	39	.602	New York .....	46	50	.479
Providence .....	58	40	.592	Detroit .....	47	58	.408
Cleveland .....	55	42	.567	Philadelphia .....	17	81	.173

1884.

Providence .....	84	28	.750	New York .....	62	50	.554
Boston .....	73	38	.658	Philadelphia .....	39	77	.348
Buffalo .....	64	47	.577	Cleveland .....	35	73	.313
Chicago .....	62	50	.554	Detroit .....	28	84	.250



1885.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.		Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago.....	87	25	.776	Boston.....	46	65	.410
New York.....	85	27	.758	Detroit.....	41	67	.379
Philadelphia.....	56	54	.509	Buffalo.....	33	74	.339
Providence.....	53	57	.481	St. Louis.....	36	72	.333

1886.

Chicago.....	90	34	.725	Boston.....	56	61	.478
Detroit.....	87	36	.707	St. Louis.....	43	79	.352
New York.....	75	44	.630	Kansas City.....	30	91	.247
Philadelphia.....	71	43	.622	Washington.....	28	92	.233

1887.

Detroit.....	79	45	.637	Boston.....	61	60	.504
Philadelphia.....	75	48	.610	Pittsburg.....	55	69	.444
Chicago.....	71	50	.587	Indianapolis.....	46	76	.377
New York.....	68	55	.553	Washington.....	37	89	.294

1888.

New York.....	84	47	.641	Detroit.....	68	63	.519
Chicago.....	77	53	.510	Pittsburg.....	66	68	.493
Philadelphia.....	69	61	.531	Indianapolis.....	50	85	.370
Boston.....	70	64	.522	Washington.....	48	86	.358

A summary of the above shows that the Chicago club won the championship six times; the Boston club three times; the Providence club twice, and the Detroit and New York clubs once each. The Chicago club has the best record of a single season—90 victories and 34 defeats—and the highest percentage of victories .798. The only clubs which played in every single season were the Chicago and Boston clubs.

# THE LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR 1888.

The following is the official batting record of players members of League Clubs who have taken part in fifteen or more championship games.

## SEASON OF 1888.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	134	515	101	0.75	177	.343	52	1.88	28	0.20
2	Beckley.....	Pittsburg.....	71	283	35	0.49	97	.342	121	1.70	20	0.28
3	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	130	549	115	0.88	182	.331	285	2.19	60	0.46
4	Kelly.....	Boston.....	105	440	85	0.81	140	.318	205	1.95	56	0.53
5	Ewing.....	New York.....	103	415	83	0.80	127	.306	195	1.89	53	0.51
6	Brouthers....	Detroit.....	129	522	118	0.91	160	.306	270	1.86	34	0.26
7	Quinn.....	Boston.....	38	156	19	0.50	47	.301	43	1.92	12	0.31
8	White.....	Detroit.....	125	527	75	0.60	157	.298	200	1.60	12	0.09
9	Johnston.....	Boston.....	135	585	102	0.75	173	.295	276	2.04	35	0.26
10	Tiernan.....	New York.....	113	443	75	0.66	130	.293	182	1.61	52	0.46
11	Connor.....	".....	134	481	98	0.63	140	.291	224	1.67	27	0.20
12	Richardson..	Detroit.....	57	266	60	1.05	77	.289	117	2.05	13	0.23
13	Van Haltren..	Chicago.....	81	318	46	0.66	90	.283	130	1.60	21	0.26
14	Nash.....	Boston.....	135	526	71	0.52	149	.283	209	1.54	20	0.15
15	Duffy.....	Chicago.....	71	298	60	0.84	84	.282	121	1.70	13	0.18
16	Thompson....	Detroit.....	55	238	51	0.92	67	.281	111	2.02	5	0.09
17	Hines.....	Indianapolis..	132	513	84	0.63	144	.280	186	1.40	81	0.23
18	Rowe.....	Detroit.....	105	451	62	0.59	125	.277	168	1.60	10	0.09
19	Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	103	404	50	0.48	112	.277	139	1.35	27	0.26
20	Conway.....	Detroit.....	44	167	28	0.63	46	.275	59	1.34	1	0.02
21	Hoy.....	Washington..	126	503	77	0.56	138	.274	171	1.26	82	0.60
22	Buckley.....	Indianapolis..	71	260	27	0.38	71	.273	95	1.33	4	0.05
23	O'Rourke....	New York.....	107	409	50	0.46	112	.273	154	1.44	25	0.23
24	Brown.....	".....	17	59	4	0.23	16	.271	17	1.00	1	0.03
25	Glasscock....	Indianapolis..	112	442	63	0.56	119	.269	145	1.29	48	0.43
26	Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	103	459	64	0.59	122	.265	157	1.45	38	0.35
27	McGuire.....	Phil. & Det'r't.	15	64	17	0.46	17	.265	23	1.35	0	0.00
28	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	72	258	32	0.44	68	.263	102	1.41	4	0.05
29	Dunlap.....	Pittsburg.....	81	317	41	0.50	83	.261	106	1.20	24	0.29
30	Denny.....	Indianapolis..	126	524	92	0.73	137	.261	220	1.74	32	0.25
31	Nicholson....	Detroit.....	24	85	11	0.46	22	.259	33	1.37	6	0.25
32	Sutcliffe....	".....	49	191	17	0.34	49	.257	59	1.20	6	0.12
33	Pettit.....	Chicago.....	43	169	24	0.56	43	.254	62	1.44	7	0.16
34	Ward.....	New York.....	122	510	70	0.57	128	.251	154	1.26	38	0.31
35	Williamson..	Chicago.....	132	452	75	0.57	113	.250	175	1.32	25	0.19
36	Beaton.....	Detroit.....	16	56	8	0.50	14	.250	25	1.56	1	0.06
37	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	135	517	90	0.66	129	.249	193	1.43	64	0.47
38	Ganzell.....	Detroit.....	93	386	45	0.48	96	.248	119	1.28	12	0.13
39	Clements....	Philadelphia..	85	323	26	0.30	80	.247	100	1.17	3	0.03
40	Brown.....	Boston.....	107	420	62	0.58	104	.247	155	1.45	46	0.43
41	Ray.....	".....	50	206	26	0.52	51	.247	65	1.30	7	0.14
42	Farrar.....	Philadelphia..	130	504	53	0.40	124	.246	155	1.19	21	0.17

BATTING RECORD.—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.
34	Sanders.....	Philadelphia..	57	236	27	0.47	58	.245	74	1.29	13	0.22
	Getzein.....	Detroit.....	45	167	14	0.31	41	.245	50	1.11	6	0.13
	Slattery.....	New York....	103	391	49	0.47	96	.245	122	1.18	26	0.25
35	Twitchell.....	Detroit.....	130	524	71	0.54	128	.244	167	1.28	14	0.10
36	Carroll.....	Pittsburg....	96	362	61	0.63	88	.243	117	1.22	18	0.19
37	Bassett.....	Indianapolis..	128	481	57	0.44	116	.241	147	1.15	24	0.19
38	Hornung.....	Boston.....	107	431	61	0.57	103	.239	134	1.25	29	0.27
	Wise.....	"	104	417	66	0.63	100	.239	155	1.49	33	0.31
39	Burns.....	Chicago.....	124	483	60	0.44	115	.238	152	1.13	34	0.25
	Andrews.....	Philadelphia..	123	524	74	0.60	125	.238	157	1.27	35	0.28
	Myers.....	Indianapolis..	66	248	35	0.53	59	.238	72	1.09	28	0.42
40	Shoeneck...	"	48	169	15	0.31	40	.237	44	0.91	11	0.23
41	Sullivan.....	Chicago.....	75	314	40	0.53	74	.235	117	1.56	9	0.12
	Fogarty.....	Philadelphia..	120	451	71	0.59	106	.235	137	1.14	58	0.43
42	Kuhne.....	Pittsburg....	137	520	60	0.44	122	.234	175	1.28	34	0.25
43	Sunday.....	"	119	501	68	0.57	117	.233	140	1.18	71	0.59
44	Farrell.....	Chicago.....	63	241	34	0.54	56	.232	80	1.27	8	0.12
45	Wood.....	Philadelphia..	105	429	67	0.63	99	.230	154	1.46	20	0.19
	Coeman.....	Pittsburg....	115	434	48	0.41	100	.230	118	1.02	15	0.13
46	Tate.....	Boston.....	40	148	18	0.45	34	.229	44	1.10	3	0.07
	Healy.....	Indianapolis..	37	131	14	0.38	30	.229	42	1.10	5	0.13
47	Delehanty..	Philadelphia..	74	290	40	0.54	66	.227	82	1.10	38	0.51
48	Richardson..	New York....	135	561	82	0.60	127	.226	176	1.30	35	0.26
49	Daily.....	Washington..	110	453	56	0.50	102	.225	139	1.26	44	0.40
	O'Brien.....	"	133	528	42	0.31	119	.225	167	1.25	10	0.08
50	Wilmot.....	"	119	473	61	0.51	106	.224	146	1.22	46	0.33
	Dalrymple..	Pittsburg....	56	223	19	0.33	50	.224	64	1.14	7	0.12
51	Irwin.....	Washington..	37	126	14	0.38	28	.222	36	0.97	15	0.40
	Irwin.....	Philadelphia..	124	444	51	0.41	98	.220	115	0.92	19	0.15
52	Seery.....	Indianapolis..	133	500	87	0.65	110	.220	163	1.23	80	0.60
	Gore.....	New York....	64	254	37	0.57	56	.220	72	1.12	11	0.17
53	McGeachy..	Indianapolis..	118	452	45	0.38	99	.219	115	0.97	49	0.41
	Esterbrook..	"	64	246	21	0.32	54	.219	61	0.95	11	0.17
54	Whitney.....	New York....	90	328	28	0.31	72	.219	87	0.96	7	0.07
	Sutton.....	Boston.....	28	110	16	0.57	24	.218	32	1.14	10	0.35
55	Daily.....	Indianapolis..	57	202	14	0.24	44	.218	52	0.91	15	0.26
	Mulvey.....	Philadelphia..	99	394	37	0.37	85	.215	105	1.06	18	0.12
56	Radbourne..	Boston.....	24	79	6	0.25	17	.215	18	0.75	4	0.16
	Cleveland..	N. Y. & Pitts.	40	145	17	0.42	31	.214	51	1.27	4	0.10
57	Shomberg...	Indianapolis..	29	112	11	0.38	24	.214	33	1.13	6	0.20
	Darling.....	Chicago.....	20	75	13	0.65	16	.213	27	1.35	0	0.00
58	Maull.....	Pittsburg....	73	255	21	0.29	54	.211	71	0.97	9	0.12
	Myers.....	Washington..	132	502	47	0.35	104	.207	139	1.05	20	0.15
59	Smith.....	Pittsburg....	130	477	61	0.44	99	.207	131	1.00	37	0.27
	Hallman.....	Philadelphia..	16	63	5	0.31	13	.206	19	1.19	1	0.06
60	Gleason.....	"	23	83	4	0.17	17	.205	20	0.87	3	0.13
	Campau.....	Detroit.....	70	251	28	0.40	51	.203	65	0.93	27	0.33
61	Scheffler...	"	27	94	17	0.63	19	.202	24	0.89	4	0.15
	Burdock.....	Boston.....	21	79	5	0.24	16	.202	16	0.76	1	0.05
64	Donnelly....	Washington..	122	428	43	0.35	86	.201	104	0.85	44	0.36

## BATTING RECORD.—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.
65	Widner.....	Washington..	15	60	4	0.26	12	200	12	0.80	1	0.07
66	Mo rill.....	Boston.....	134	486	60	0.44	96	197	135	1.00	21	0.15
67	Arundel.....	Washington..	16	51	2	0.12	10	196	12	0.75	1	0.06
68	Clarkson....	Boston.....	54	205	20	0.37	40	195	53	0.98	5	0.09
	Fields.....	Pittsburg....	44	169	22	0.50	33	195	47	1.09	9	0.20
69	Schrivier....	Philadelphia..	39	134	15	0.38	26	194	36	0.92	2	0.05
	McShannic..	Pittsburg....	26	98	5	0.19	19	191	20	0.77	3	0.11
70	Bastian.....	Philadelphia..	80	275	31	0.38	53	192	62	0.77	12	0.15
71	Dally.....	Chicago.....	65	219	34	0.52	4	191	54	0.83	10	0.15
72	Welch.....	New York....	47	169	16	0.34	32	189	42	0.89	4	0.08
73	Mack.....	Washington..	85	300	49	0.57	56	186	77	0.90	31	0.36
74	Schock.....	".....	90	317	46	0.51	58	183	77	0.85	23	0.25
75	Fuller.....	".....	49	170	11	0.22	31	182	38	0.77	6	0.12
	Shreve.....	Indianapolis..	36	115	10	0.28	21	182	24	0.66	5	0.14
76	Flint.....	Chicago.....	22	77	6	0.27	14	181	17	0.77	1	0.04
	Hatfield....	New York....	27	105	7	0.26	19	181	20	0.74	8	0.29
77	O'Rourke....	Boston.....	20	74	3	0.15	13	175	13	0.65	2	0.10
78	Buffinton...	Philadelphia..	44	156	13	0.29	27	173	32	0.72	1	0.02
79	Whitney....	Washington..	42	141	13	0.31	24	170	27	0.64	3	0.07
80	Murphy.....	New York....	28	166	11	0.39	18	169	20	0.71	3	0.10
81	Klusman....	Boston.....	28	107	9	0.32	18	168	18	1.00	3	0.11
82	Madden.....	".....	19	67	7	0.36	11	164	11	0.58	4	0.21
	Krock.....	Chicago.....	39	134	9	0.23	22	164	25	0.64	1	0.02
83	Deasley.....	Washington..	34	127	6	0.17	20	157	23	0.67	2	0.06
	Wells.....	Detroit.....	16	57	5	0.31	9	157	10	0.63	0	0.00
84	Glenn.....	Boston.....	19	65	8	0.42	10	154	12	0.63	0	0.00
85	Casey.....	Philadelphia..	33	118	11	0.33	18	152	22	0.66	2	0.06
86	Baldwin....	Chicago.....	30	106	11	0.37	16	151	24	0.80	4	0.13
87	Sowers.....	Boston.....	25	122	14	0.40	18	147	20	0.57	1	0.03
	Burdick....	Indianapolis..	20	68	6	0.30	10	147	11	0.55	0	0.00
88	Foster.....	New York....	27	136	15	0.40	21	147	27	0.73	13	0.35
	Boyle.....	Indianapolis..	37	125	13	0.35	18	144	21	0.57	1	0.03
89	Galvin.....	Pittsburg....	50	172	6	0.12	25	143	31	0.62	4	0.08
90	Gruber.....	Detroit.....	27	93	8	0.29	13	141	17	0.63	0	0.00
91	O'Day.....	Washington..	47	166	6	0.12	23	138	25	0.53	3	0.06
92	Staley.....	Pittsburg....	24	85	6	0.25	11	129	12	0.50	2	0.08
93	Keefe.....	New York....	51	181	10	0.19	23	127	33	0.64	3	0.06
94	Titcomb....	".....	23	82	6	0.26	10	122	13	0.56	5	0.21
95	Morris.....	Pittsburg....	54	186	12	0.2	19	102	23	0.42	2	0.04



## FIELDING RECORD.

Of Players, Members of League Clubs, who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games, Season of 1883.

### FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	134	1314	65	20	1399	.985
2	Connor.....	New York.....	133	1337	43	26	1406	.981
3	Beckley.....	Pittsburg.....	71	744	19	16	779	.979
	Farrar.....	Philadelphia... ..	130	1345	53	30	1428	.979
4	Morrill.....	Boston.....	134	1398	72	31	1501	.979
	Esterbrook.....	Indianapolis.....	61	628	20	16	654	.976
5	Coleman.....	Pittsburg.....	25	235	4	6	245	.975
	O'Brien.....	Washington.....	132	1272	38	33	1343	.975
6	Shoeneck.....	Indianapolis.....	48	501	16	14	531	.973
7	Brouthers.....	Detroit.....	129	1345	48	42	1435	.970
8	Maul.....	Pittsburg.....	37	392	9	13	414	.968
9	Shomberg.....	Indianapolis.....	15	136	0	5	141	.964

### SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Bastian.....	Philadelphia.....	65	145	253	23	427	.946
2	Richardson.....	New York.....	135	321	423	46	790	.942
3	Danlap.....	Pittsburg.....	81	237	276	33	546	.939
4	Nicholson.....	Detroit.....	24	44	71	8	123	.935
5	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	135	421	457	65	943	.931
6	Richardson.....	Detroit.....	57	173	185	29	387	.925
7	Bassett.....	Indianapolis.....	128	250	423	57	730	.921
8	Myers.....	Washington.....	132	271	399	60	730	.918
9	Klusman.....	Boston.....	28	63	75	13	151	.914
10	Quinn.....	".....	38	97	115	20	232	.913
11	Smith.....	Pittsburg.....	56	131	184	33	248	.905
12	Nash.....	Bos on.....	31	90	103	21	219	.904
13	Burdock.....	".....	21	53	68	13	134	.903
14	Ganzell.....	Detroit.....	51	110	168	31	309	.899
15	Delehanty.....	Philadelphia....	56	129	170	44	343	.871

### THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Nash.....	Boston.....	104	139	250	37	426	.913
2	Kuhne.....	Pittsburg.....	74	95	166	26	287	.909
3	McShannic.....	".....	26	39	49	9	97	.917
4	Burns.....	Chicago.....	134	194	273	49	516	.905
5	Denny.....	Indianapolis.....	96	158	214	44	416	.894
6	Mulvey.....	Philadelphia.....	99	87	174	32	293	.890
7	Whitney.....	New York.....	90	90	184	35	309	.886
8	Donnelly.....	Washington.....	117	126	230	51	407	.874
9	Sutton.....	Boston.....	27	32	47	13	92	.853
10	White.....	Detroit.....	125	146	244	65	455	.857
11	Ewing.....	New York.....	21	32	29	15	76	.802
12	Buckley.....	Indianapolis.....	21	17	23	12	57	.789
13	Cleveland.....	New York & Pitts'g.	40	27	57	23	107	.785



## SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Denny.....	Indianapolis.....	23	65	83	14	167	.916
2	Kuhne.....	Pittsburg.....	63	112	159	25	296	.915
	Smith.....	".....	74	90	246	37	373	.900
	Glasscock.....	Indianapolis.....	109	201	334	59	594	.900
3	Irwin.....	Philadelphia.....	121	204	374	64	642	.900
	Shock.....	Washington.....	52	84	168	23	280	.900
	Sutcliffe.....	Detroit.....	24	39	88	14	141	.900
4	Williamson.....	Chicago.....	132	120	375	62	557	.888
5	Wise.....	Boston.....	89	179	271	57	507	.887
6	Ray.....	".....	47	58	130	26	214	.878
7	Rowe.....	Detroit.....	105	133	312	72	517	.860
8	Irwin.....	Washington.....	27	54	87	23	164	.859
9	Ward.....	New York.....	122	185	331	86	602	.857
10	Fuller.....	Washington... ..	47	67	140	33	245	.845

## FIELDERS.

1	{ O'Rourke.....	New York.....	87	130	13	6	149	.959
	{ Tiernan.....	".....	113	174	16	8	198	.959
2	Glenn.....	Boston.....	19	42	2	2	46	.956
3	Sanders.....	Philadelphia.....	25	38	5	2	45	.955
4	Hornung.....	Boston.....	107	151	10	9	170	.947
5	Maul.....	Pittsburg.....	34	59	8	4	71	.943
6	Seery.....	Indianapolis.....	133	258	19	18	295	.939
7	Sunday.....	Pittsburg.....	119	292	27	21	340	.938
8	{ Campau.....	Detroit.....	70	101	10	8	119	.932
	{ McGeachy.....	Indianapolis.....	117	194	27	16	237	.932
	Petit.....	Chicago.....	43	46	8	4	58	.931
10	Fogarty.....	Philadelphia.....	116	239	26	20	285	.929
11	{ Sullivan.....	Chicago.....	75	114	13	10	137	.927
	{ Coleman.....	Pittsburg.....	90	160	20	14	194	.927
	Slattery.....	New York.....	103	187	16	18	221	.918
12	{ Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	108	230	7	21	258	.918
13	Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	32	58	7	6	71	.915
14	Daily.....	Washington.....	100	179	19	19	217	.912
15	{ Hines.....	Indianapolis.....	124	255	13	26	294	.911
	{ Delehanty.....	Philadelphia.....	17	28	3	3	34	.911
16	Duffy.....	Chicago.....	67	103	19	12	134	.910
17	Dalrymple.....	Pittsburg.....	57	80	9	9	98	.908
18	Wood.....	Philadelphia.....	103	175	15	20	210	.904
19	Andrews.....	".....	123	210	23	25	258	.903
20	{ Johnston.....	Boston.....	135	236	30	36	352	.897
	{ Hoy.....	Washington.....	136	236	26	37	359	.897
21	Brown.....	Boston.....	107	172	13	22	212	.896
22	Shock.....	Washington.....	35	59	7	8	74	.892
23	Fields.....	Pittsburg.....	29	49	6	7	62	.887
24	Twitcheil.....	Detroit.....	129	195	13	27	235	.885
25	Farrell.....	Chicago.....	31	50	3	7	60	.883

FIELDERS' AVERAGES—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
26	Thompson .....	Detroit.....	55	86	4	12	102	.882
27	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	125	217	34	35	286	.877
28	Van Haltren.....	".....	54	73	9	12	94	.872
	Wiimot.....	Washington.....	119	260	19	41	320	.872
29	Foster.....	New York.....	37	64	5	12	81	.851
30	Scheffler.....	Detroit.....	27	49	1	9	59	.847
31	Gore.....	New York.....	64	88	4	13	110	.836
32	Carroll.....	Pittsburg.....	38	45	2	10	57	.824
33	Kelly.....	Boston.....	31	28	4	12	44	.727

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	72	424	94	18	14	550	.941
2	Ganzell.....	".....	25	156	41	9	15	221	.891
3	Daily.....	Chicago.....	62	400	107	33	36	576	.880
4	Clements.....	Philadelphia.....	84	494	104	47	39	684	.874
5	Ewing.....	New York.....	78	480	143	35	65	723	.861
6	Wells.....	Detroit.....	16	96	25	11	9	141	.858
7	Myers.....	Indianapolis.....	46	211	63	21	27	322	.851
8	Flint.....	Chicago.....	22	96	42	11	14	163	.846
9	Mack.....	Washington.....	79	361	152	47	48	608	.843
10	Deasley.....	".....	31	177	60	20	25	282	.840
	Murphy.....	New York.....	28	186	56	23	23	288	.840
11	Darling.....	Chicago.....	20	139	26	12	21	198	.833
12	Buckley.....	Indianapolis.....	48	213	60	31	28	332	.823
13	Miller.....	Pittsburg.....	68	268	76	35	48	427	.805
14	O'Rourke.....	Boston.....	20	69	37	17	14	157	.803
15	Tate.....	".....	40	188	64	43	19	314	.802
16	Kelly.....	".....	74	367	146	77	54	644	.796
17	Carroll.....	Pittsburg.....	53	265	58	37	46	406	.795
18	Dally.....	Indianapolis.....	42	215	69	34	41	359	.791
19	Brown.....	New York.....	17	134	24	19	26	203	.778
20	Farrell.....	Chicago.....	31	171	50	32	34	287	.770
21	Schriver.....	Philadelphia.....	27	148	39	28	29	244	.760
22	Arundel.....	Washington.....	16	63	16	15	21	115	.687

## PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat on Opponents.	Runs Scored by Opponents.	Ave. per Game.	Runs Earned by Opponents.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits Made by Opponents.	Percentage.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Wild Pitches.	Bases Given on called balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
Buffinton.....	Philadelphia..	44	1492	184	3.04	72	1.63	321	.215	18	322	10	12	62	437	.808
Baldwin.....	Chicago.....	28	960	125	4.46	65	2.32	233	.242	11	208	5	18	99	341	.642
Burdick.....	Indianapolis..	20	700	88	4.40	52	2.60	167	.238	14	87	5	14	44	164	.616
Boyle.....	".....	37	1294	181	4.89	90	2.43	317	.245	14	180	7	20	59	280	.692
Conway.....	Detroit.....	44	1508	168	3.82	84	1.91	315	.208	10	267	7	12	57	353	.784
Clarkson.....	Boston.....	53	1885	239	4.51	120	2.26	436	.231	24	351	22	37	119	553	.678
Casey.....	Philadelphia..	32	1141	153	4.78	86	2.69	296	.259	15	176	9	15	48	263	.726
Getzein.....	Detroit.....	45	1626	224	4.98	137	3.04	402	.247	29	276	16	24	52	397	.768
Gleason.....	Philadelphia..	23	791	106	4.61	57	2.48	200	.252	6	128	13	14	53	314	.626
Galvin.....	Pittsburg....	50	1760	193	3.86	123	2.46	437	.248	23	224	10	11	58	326	.758
Gruber.....	Detroit.....	27	934	124	4.59	57	2.11	199	.213	4	121	8	14	42	189	.661
Healy.....	Indianapolis..	37	1326	204	5.51	128	3.46	357	.269	5	206	15	22	81	329	.641
Krook.....	Chicago.....	39	1294	143	3.66	74	1.89	293	.226	4	217	12	18	45	296	.746
Keefe.....	New York.....	50	1643	149	2.99	75	1.50	329	.200	29	410	17	24	86	566	.775
Madden.....	Boston.....	19	648	84	4.42	53	2.79	154	.237	4	95	4	8	28	139	.712
Morris.....	Pittsburg....	54	1911	213	3.94	114	2.11	459	.240	20	240	8	17	70	355	.732
O'Day.....	Washington..	46	1545	215	4.67	108	2.34	374	.242	19	252	7	23	123	424	.639
Radbourne..	Boston.....	24	791	110	4.58	67	2.79	192	.242	14	104	6	9	44	177	.666
Shreve.....	Indianapolis..	35	1235	210	6.00	134	3.82	356	.248	7	173	16	31	94	321	.660
Sowders.....	Boston.....	35	1219	155	4.43	69	1.97	283	.232	23	192	18	16	71	310	.693
Staley.....	Pittsburg....	24	774	103	4.29	58	2.41	186	.240	8	127	5	8	52	291	.675
Sanders.....	Philadelphia..	31	1097	113	3.64	57	1.84	247	.225	17	194	7	10	34	262	.805
Titcomb.....	New York.....	23	756	97	4.21	41	1.78	159	.210	1	157	8	9	48	223	.708
VanHakren..	Chicago.....	27	967	160	5.93	81	3.00	264	.273	25	181	5	24	53	288	.715
Welch.....	New York.....	47	1592	156	3.32	80	1.70	330	.207	16	248	17	20	113	414	.637
Whitney.....	Washington..	39	1309	181	4.64	94	2.41	317	.242	24	145	11	10	60	250	.676

# BATTING AND FIELDING RECORD

Of Clubs, Members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs.

SEASON OF 1888.

Rank.	CLUB.	BATTING.										FIELDING.									
		Games Played.	Games Won.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	Runs Earned.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.	Ave. per Game.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls and Wild Pitches.	Bases given Opponents on Called Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	New York....	137	84	4751	659	4.81	334	2.44	1150	.242	1581	11.54	314	2.29	3633	2349	432	205	302	6921	.864
2	Chicago.....	135	*77	4616	734	5.43	441	3.26	1202	.260	1753	12.98	292	2.16	3549	2305	409	200	289	6752	.867
3	Philadelphia..	130	69	4496	535	4.11	272	2.09	1017	.226	1298	9.98	246	1.89	3469	2189	429	141	200	6431	.879
4	Boston.....	137	70	4835	669	4.88	355	2.59	1180	.244	1673	12.21	292	2.13	3652	2288	520	162	270	6892	.861
5	Detroit.....	134	68	4859	721	5.38	423	3.15	1268	.261	1724	12.86	192	1.43	3579	2172	474	128	181	6534	.880
6	Indianapolis..	137	+66	4678	531	3.87	308	2.27	1061	.226	1359	9.92	287	2.09	3581	2048	404	159	225	6421	.876
7	Pittsburg.....	136	50	4626	600	4.41	269	1.97	1112	.240	1443	10.61	351	2.58	3545	2097	453	189	296	6580	.857
8	Washington...	136	48	4548	482	3.54	225	1.65	944	.207	1233	9.06	336	2.47	3497	2062	522	173	313	6567	.846

\*1 game forfeited to Philadelphia. +1 game forfeited to New York.

TIE GAMES.—New York 7, Chicago 1, Philadelphia 1, Boston 3, Detroit 3, Pittsburg 4, Indianapolis 1, Washington 2.

## THE VETERANS OF THE LEAGUE.

Those of the players who have taken part in League contests for not less than ten years are entitled to the honor of belonging to the ranks of the veterans of the League, and they include the following representative players, the majority of whom are now in League Clubs:

NAME.	Number of Season Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.
Adrian C. Anson.....	13	1173	4904	1751	.357
James O'Rourke.....	13	1133	4832	1519	.314
James L. White.....	13	1101	4610	1439	.312
Paul Hines.....	13	1184	5112	1591	.311
E. B. Sutton.....	13	1107	4196	1216	.289
John F. Morrill.....	13	1194	4695	1253	.267
John J. Burdock.....	13	871	3584	911	.254
M. J. Kelly.....	11	1030	4870	1421	.295
A. Dalrymple.....	11	909	4041	1198	.296
Joseph Start.....	11	776	3366	995	.295
E. N. Williamson.....	11	1071	4163	1133	.274
Geo. F. Gore.....	10	836	3689	1157	.313
Hardy Richardson.....	10	910	3974	1230	.309
John W. Glassecock.....	10	952	3847	1089	.283
Chas. W. Bennett.....	10	709	2720	761	.279
Joseph Hornung.....	10	858	3706	988	.266
F. S. Flint.....	10	708	2759	669	.242
Jas. McCormick.....	10	499	1957	464	.237
D. W. Force.....	10	746	2873	598	.204

Of these Sutton, Dalrymple, Burdock and Force are in the service of minor League Clubs, while the retired players include Start and McCormick.

Those who have played for less than ten years and not less than seven include the following second class of veterans, the first class being limited to players who have a credit of a decade of service:

Dennis Brouters.....	9	845	3578	1267	.354
Rodger Connor.....	9	943	3870	1309	.338
J. C. Rowe.....	9	827	3548	1067	.300
Geo. A. Wood.....	9	854	3677	1024	.278
M. C. Dorgan.....	9	660	2719	756	.277
Thomas Burns.....	9	900	3597	990	.275
Edwin Hanlon.....	9	893	3629	972	.267
Jno. M. Ward.....	9	1046	4403	1169	.265
A. A. Irwin.....	9	796	3136	796	.254
Jno. Farrell.....	9	729	3048	776	.254
M. Welch.....	9	491	1817	433	.238



NAME.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.
B. Gilligan .....	9	510	1848	380	.209
Jos. F. Galvin.....	9	524	2600	418	.208
Wm. Ewing.....	8	640	2708	812	.299
Fred Dunlap.....	8	707	2972	867	.292
P. Gillespie.....	8	703	2907	817	.278
Thomas York.....	8	566	2291	617	.269
Robert Ferguson.....	8	538	2209	596	.269
Jas. E. Whitney.....	8	525	2085	555	.266
Jeremiah Denny.....	8	824	3308	881	.263
Chas. Radbourn.....	8	530	2092	517	.247
George Shaffer.....	7	521	2137	602	.281
Sam W. Wise.....	7	698	2826	785	.277
Jno. E. Clapp.....	7	398	1688	465	.275
W. A. Purcell.....	7	500	2126	559	.261
J. P. Cassidy.....	7	416	1718	433	.252
J. J. Gerhardt.....	7	565	2182	489	.224
Geo. E. Weidman.....	7	338	1273	227	.174

Of the above Gillespie, Dorgan, Clapp, York, Ferguson and Cassidy have retired from field service.

One of the most interesting records of the games played in the professional arena during the past eighteen years of the existence, first of the old National Association from 1871 to 1875 inclusive, and then of the National League from 1876 to 1888 inclusive, is that of the contests each year between the rival Boston and Chicago clubs, the former winning the pennant in 1872, '73, '74, '75, '77 and '78, and also in 1883; while Chicago won it in 1876 and in 1880, '81, '82, '85 and '86. As a matter for interesting reference, we give below the full record of victories and defeats scored by the two clubs from 1871 to 1888 inclusive. The Chicago Club did not play in 1872 and 1873, having been burned out in the great fire of '71.

	1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.		1878.		1879.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Boston ..	22	10	39	8	43	16	52	18	71	8	39	31	31	17	41	19	49	20
Chicago..	20	9	...	...	...	...	27	31	30	37	52	14	18	30	—	30	44	32

	1880.		1881.		1882.		1883.		1884.		1885.		1886.		1887.		1888.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Boston ..	40	44	38	45	45	39	63	35	73	38	46	66	26	61	61	60	70	64
Chicago.	67	17	56	28	55	29	59	39	62	50	87	25	90	34	71	50	77	58

## THE LEAGUE'S PRESIDENT.

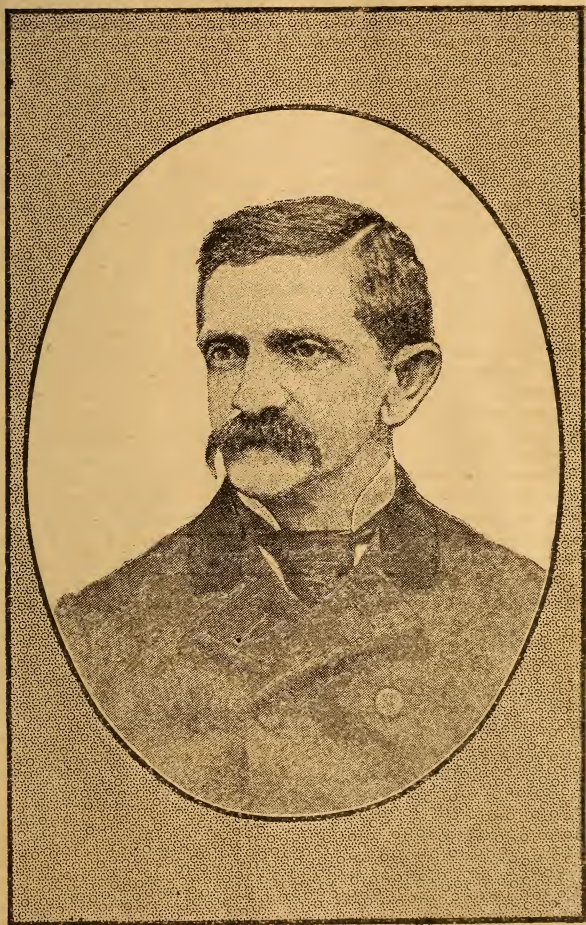
The close of the League campaign of 1888 saw the President of the League, Mr. N. E. Young, enter upon a new era in the history of his official duties, first as Secretary, then as President-Secretary, two positions he has so faithfully and efficiently filled since the organization of the League. Mr. Young was prominent in organizing the first professional National Association; and but for him Mr. Chadwick would not have been able to have carried out his project of dividing the baseball fraternity into the two officially recognized classes which he did when he started the first professional Association in 1871. From that year to 1875 inclusive, Mr. Young acted as Secretary of the old National Association, and when it was superseded by the National League in 1876 he was elected Secretary of the new organization, Mr. Bulkely, the present Governor of Connecticut, being the League's first President. Mr. Young was also Secretary under the Presidency of Mr. A. G. Mills, and when that gentleman resigned, the worthy Secretary was elected to the joint offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer of the League, and this position he has most capably filled ever since.

A Washington journalist has this well-merited compliment to say of the veteran:

"The rugged honesty of the League president is a matter with which those interested in base ball have long been familiar. His residence is in Washington, and he was for years a player and umpire, having all the ups and downs usual to their lot, but he is now in very comfortable circumstances. The duties of his office require a cool-headed man, able to do justice to all without fear or favor. It is singularly trying at times, but though the intense rivalry of the different clubs sometimes causes the managers to lose their heads and charge unfairness against the umpires, not a word has ever been said that would in any way compromise Nick Young. It is an honor and credit to the baseball magnates that they have such a man at the head of the League."

## THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE AND THEIR WORK.

The work accomplished by the Joint Rules Committee of the National League and the American Association at their meeting in New York in November, 1888, ranks with the best on record in the revision of the playing rules of the game, and the successful results achieved in improving the code was largely due to the marked efficiency evinced by the chairman of the Committee, Mr. Chas. H. Byrne, the president of the Brooklyn club, who was indefatigable in doing the large amount of revisory work which



N. E. YOUNG.

was thrown upon the committee. In the face of a very noisy and sensational demand for radical changes in the rules governing the game, the committee, as a whole, manifested a wise conservatism in several respects, which cannot help but be of material assistance in advancing the welfare of the game at large. In the first place, by reducing the powers of the attack nearer to an equality with those of the defence—which result was accomplished when they reduced the number of called balls from five to four—they not only adopted a rule which will moderate the dangerous speed in delivering the ball to the bat, but they thereby afforded the batsman an additional chance for more effective work at the bat. This latter point, too, has been aided by reducing the number of outs the batsman has hitherto been unfairly subjected to. The rule which puts batsmen out on catches of foul balls, which, since the game originated, has been an unfair rule of play, has seen its best day; and this year the entering wedge to its ultimate disappearance has been driven in, with the practical result of the repeal of the foul tip catch. This improvement, too, is in the line of aiding the batting side, as it gets rid of one of the numerous ways of putting the batsman out.

The argument brought to bear in favor of the elimination of outs from foul balls from the code was in the main as follows:

When the batsman hits a fair ball, while at the same time that he gives the fielders a chance to put him out, he himself is also given an equal chance of making a base or of scoring a run; but when he hits a foul ball, while he affords the fielders an opportunity to catch him out, no such compensating advantage is given him in the way of earning a base or a run as in the case of a fair hit ball; and it is in this that the working of the foul ball rule becomes so palpably unjust. It is sufficient punishment for hitting a foul ball that he, as batsman, be deprived of making a base, without adding the unjust penalty of an out. This one sided condition of things, too, is increased when a double play is made on the catch of a foul ball, for not only is the batsman unfairly punished, but also the base runner who may have made the base by a clean hit.

It is this latter unfair rule which the committee repealed in getting rid of the foul fly tip; and now a batsman who has earned his base by a safe hit and who runs to the next base on a foul fly tip ball caught by the catcher, can no longer be put out on the double play, as he is now allowed to return to the base he left on the hit, as in the case of a foul ball not caught.

Another step in advance was made by the committee when they officially recognized a sacrifice hit as a factor in team work at the bat. Hitherto far too great stress has been laid upon the alleged skill of the batsman in making extra hits—two and three baggers and home runs—at the cost of giving due credit to the batting



which forwards base runners and sends in runs. The work of the slugging batsman who, nearly every time he goes to the bat when no one is on the bases, makes an extra hit, does not compare with that of the team worker who either by a single base hit or a sacrifice hit forwards a runner round the bases, or sends a run in. Here is where the batting averages prove to be complete failures so far as affording a criterion of a batsman's value in team work is concerned; which work, by the way, is neither more nor less than that of forwarding base runners or sending runs in by batting—for one batsman may make four extra base hits in a game without forwarding a runner or sending in a run in a single instance, while another batsman may make but one safe hit and three sacrifice hits, and yet either forward as many runners or send in as many runs.

Probably the best piece of work done by the committee was the amendment they made to the rules governing the umpire, wherein, in defining the powers of an umpire to impose a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for abusive, threatening or improper language to the umpire, an amendment was made as follows:

“A repetition of the offence shall subject such player to a removal from the game, and the immediate substitution of another player then in uniform.”

Lastly, the rule admitting of an extra substitute being allowed to play in the game, at the option of the captain of either of the contesting teams, though an experiment, gives promise of being a desirable amendment. The classifying of the code of rules so as to facilitate the finding of any special rule during the hurry of a contest in progress, was also a desirable improvement. Take it altogether, the present committee did excellent work at their Fall meeting of 1888.

### OVERRUNNING THE BASES.

Twenty odd years ago George Wright suggested to the Chairman of the old National Association's Committee of Rules that it would be a good plan to allow base runners to overrun first base, giving them the privilege to return and touch the base again without being put out, before attempting to make another base. The suggestion was adopted, and the rule went into effect in 1870, and it has been in operation ever since. When the amendment was presented at the convention of 1869, a delegate wanted the rule applied to all bases, but the majority preferred to test the experiment as proposed at first base. The rule of extending the overrunning to all the bases was advocated at the last meeting in 1888 of the Joint Committee of Rules, but it was not adopted. The rule is worthy of consideration, in view of the constant sprains and injuries of one kind and another arising from sliding to bases. There has not been a single instance of an injury occurring from



the working of the rule of overrunning first base since the rule was adopted, while serious injuries are of daily occurrence in match games, arising from collisions at other bases than first, and these are due entirely to the absence of the overrunning rule. The most irritating disputes caused by questions involved in sliding to bases and in running up against base players, are also due to the same cause. Why not put a stop to these injuries and these disputes by giving the base runner the same privileges in overrunning second, third and home bases that he now has in overrunning first base? In every way will the adoption of the rule suggested be an improvement, and not the least of its advantages will be its gain to base running, which is, next to fielding, the most attractive feature of our game.

### THE PATRONS OF BALL GROUNDS.

There are two classes of the patrons of professional baseball grounds which club Presidents and Directors have their choice in catering to for each season, and these are, first, the reputable class, who prefer to see the game played scientifically and by gentlemanly exemplars of the beauties of the game; and second, the hoodlum element, who revel in noisy coaching, "dirty ball playing," kicking against the umpires, and exciting disputes and rows in every inning. The Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston Clubs in the League have laid out nearly \$200,000 within the past two years in constructing their grounds for the express purpose of eliciting the very best patronage of their respective cities. The Brooklyn Club have excelled in this respect in the American Association by constructing their grounds for a similar class of patrons. But all of the clubs have not followed this example, the majority committing the blunder of considering only the tastes and requirements of the hoodlum class apparently in catering for patronage. This is a great financial mistake. Experience has shown conclusively that it pays best to cater solely for the best class of patronage. The work in doing this is so much more satisfactory for one thing, and it is sure to be the most remunerative. If there is any sport which yields a fair equivalent in the special attractions it presents for an admission fee of half a dollar, it is such ball playing as was exhibited during the past season on the grounds of the leading clubs of the National League. A feature of the attendance at the League games of 1888 was the presence of the fair sex in such goodly numbers. Where the ladies congregate as spectators of sports a refining influence is brought to bear which is valuable to the welfare of the game. Besides which, the patronage of ladies improves the character of the assemblages and helps to preserve the order without which first-class patronage cannot be obtained.

## THE VALUE OF TEAM WORK.

Nothing has been more gratifying to the admirers of the game in the practical experience of improved points of play realized during the season of 1888, than the growing appreciation, by the most intelligent patrons of the game, of the value of team work at the bat, and its great superiority as an element of success in winning pennants, to the old school plan of record batting as shown in the efforts to excel solely in home run hitting and the slugging style of batting.

So intent have been the general class of batsmen on making big batting averages that the science of batting and the advantages to be derived from "playing for the side of the bat" have been entirely lost sight of until within the past year. Now, however, the best judges of play in the game have begun to "tumble to" the benefits and to the attractions of team work at the bat, as illustrated by skillful sacrifice hits, batting to help base-runners around and to bring runs in, and not that of going to the bat with the sole idea of trying to "hit the ball out of the lot," or "knock the stuffing out of it," in the effort to get in the coveted home run with its costly expenditure of physical strength in the 120 yards spurt in running which it involves.

There is one thing the season's experience has shown, and that is that field captains of intelligence and judgment, like Anson, Comiskey, Ward, Irwin, et al. have come to realize the fact that team batting is a very important element in bringing about pennant winning, and by team batting is meant the rule which makes everything secondary in the work of the batsman to the important point to forward men around the bases and to bring runs in. The batsman who excels in the essentials of the art of batting is the true leader, though he may not make a three-bagger or a home run more than half a dozen times in a season's batting. And a part of team work at the bat is sacrifice hitting—sacrifice hits being hits which, while they result in the striker's retirement, nevertheless either forward runners to the bases or bring runs in. After a batsman has become a base-runner, whether by a hit, a fielding error, or a battery error, if he be forwarded to second by a safe bunt or a neat tap of the ball, both being base hits; or by a sacrifice hit, the batsman is equally entitled to credit if he forward a runner by such hit.

In regard to the slugging tactics which the batsman goes in for extra hits at all costs, it may partly be regarded as a very stupid piece of play at the bat to endeavor to make a home run when there is no one on the bases to benefit by it, and for the reason that it subjects the batsman to a violent sprinting of 120 yards, and professional sprint-runners who enter for runs of that distance, even when in training for the effort, require a half-hour's good rest before making another such effort. And yet there are

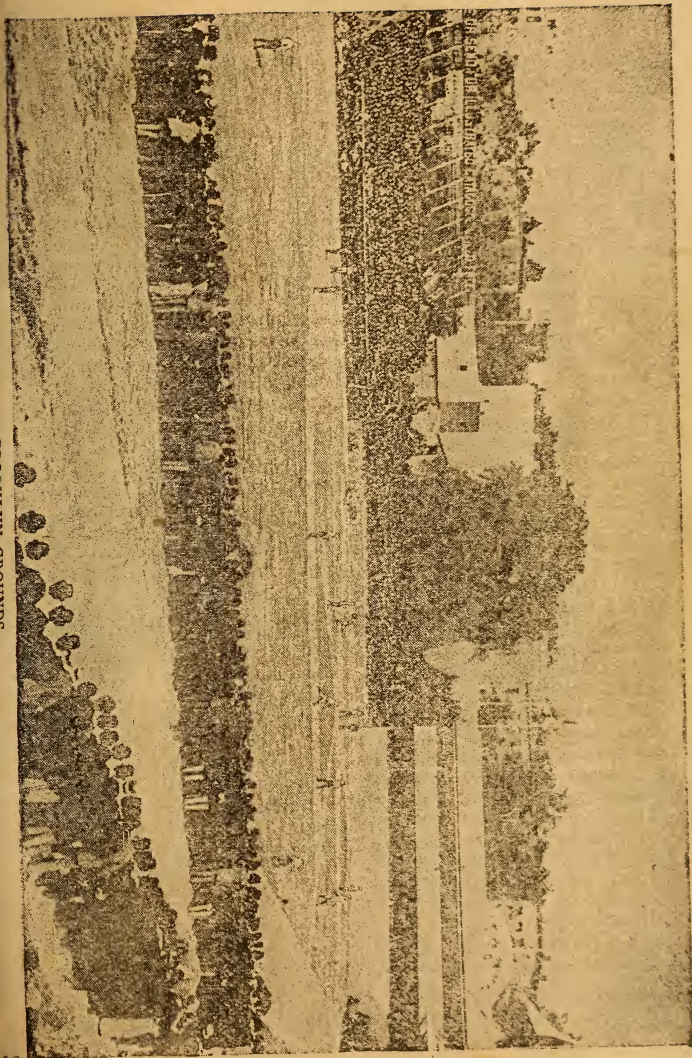
batsmen who strive to make hits which necessitate a 120 yards' run two or three times in a single game. Do field captains who go in for this sluggish style of batting ever think of the wear and tear of a player's physical strength in this slugging business?

### EVILS IN THE PROFESSIONAL ARENA.

The two great obstacles in the way of the success of the majority of professional ball players are wine and women. The saloon and the brothel are the evils of the baseball world at the present day; and we see it practically exemplified in the failure of noted players to play up to the standard they are capable of were they to avoid these gross evils. One day it is a noted pitcher who fails to serve his club at a critical period of the campaign. Anon, it is the disgraceful escapade of an equally noted umpire. And so it goes from one season to another, at the cost of the loss of thousands of dollars to clubs who blindly shut their eyes to the costly nature of intemperance and dissipation in their ranks. We tell you, gentlemen of the League and Association, the sooner you introduce the prohibition plank in your contracts the sooner you will get rid of the costly evil of drunkenness and dissipation among your players. Club after club have lost championship honors time and again by this evil, and yet they blindly condone these offences season after season. The prohibition rule from April to October is the only practical rule for removing drunkenness in your teams.

### PRIVATE SIGNALS IN COACHING.

The coaching of base runners by private signals is an improvement in the game which is bound to come into vogue eventually. The noisy method of coaching which disgraced most of the American Association club teams in 1888 is doomed to die out. In the case of the coaching of deaf mutes, like Hoy and others, private signals had to be employed, and it can readily be seen how effective these can be made to be when properly systematized. There is not a single point in noisy verbal coaching which aids base-runners. In fact, in five cases out of six, it is a detriment to the runner. The fact is, the whole object of rowdy coaching is to annoy and confuse the battery players and not to help base-running. The way to rattle both the catcher and pitcher with the best effect, and to do it legitimately, is by private coaching. In this way a pitcher is more likely to get bothered in his endeavors to interpret the private signals than by the noisiest of verbal coaching.



BROOKLYN GROUNDS.



# THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN OF 1888.

The championship campaign of the American Association in 1888 proved to be exceptionally interesting in one respect, and that was in the close contest for the lead between the St. Louis, Brooklyn, Athletic and Cincinnati Clubs. Another feature was the fact that the best managed and most ably captained team of the eight clubs deservedly bore off the championship honors of the season; and that, too, against the strong team of picked star players which the Brooklyn Club gathered together at such cost to oppose the champions. The season was also made specially noteworthy by the fact that the St. Louis Club came in victors in the race for the fourth consecutive season, a record no other club except the Boston has ever been able to equal, and in the case of the Boston Club it was done before the organization of the National League. The pennant race was commenced on April 18, on which date the Louisville team began play at St. Louis, and the Cincinnati at Kansas City in the West; while the Cleveland team opened at Brooklyn, and the Baltimore at Philadelphia in the East, the victors being the St. Louis, Cincinnati, Brooklyn and Baltimore teams. By the end of April the Cincinnati and Athletic teams led in the West and East, with St. Louis and Brooklyn occupying fourth and fifth positions respectively, in the race. Before the end of May, while Cincinnati stood in the van, St. Louis had pulled up to second place, and Brooklyn had secured third position, the Athletics being fourth. In June Cincinnati fell off and St. Louis went to the front, with Brooklyn a close second, and the Athletics third. In July, Cincinnati rallied well and pushed the Athletics down to fourth place, while St. Louis and Brooklyn still occupied the leading positions. It was during the week ending July 15 that Brooklyn held first place with a percentage of .676 to St. Louis .639; before the month ended, however, St. Louis pulled up to .662, while Brooklyn stood at .641.

August proved to be a fatal month for Brooklyn, they only winning 8 games out of 22 won and lost this month, the result of their tumble being their retirement to fourth place, Cincinnati rallying well this month, while St. Louis began to look sure for the pennant, the Athletics ending the month a good third in the race. In September the Athletics pressed the Cincinnati hard, and drove them out of second place, and before the month ended it was made evident that the closing part of the campaign would see a hot fight for the second position in the race between the Athletic and Brooklyn teams, September seeing the St. Louis team a fixture for first place, while Cincinnati was kept back in fourth position. By the close of September, St. Louis held first with a percentage of .691; the Athletics were second, with .615;



Brooklyn third with .606, and Cincinnati fourth with .574. October saw a close struggle between the Athletic and Brooklyn teams for second place, and had the former team been kept temperate they would have finished second; but they "boozed" too much in October, and this gave Brooklyn the chance to take the position from them, and when the campaign ended on the 17th of October the record left the eight clubs occupying the following relative positions:

	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.		Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
St. Louis..	92	43	.681	Baltimore.	57	80	.416
Brooklyn..	83	52	.629	Cleveland.	50	82	.373
Athletic...	81	52	.609	Louisville.	48	87	.355
Cincinnati.	80	51	.597	Kans. City	43	89	.326

In the above record the Athletic Club is credited with one victory and Baltimore with one defeat less than they were given credit for in the records published at the close of the season. The game was taken out of the record by the following order of President Wikoff:

NEW YORK, October 16.

W. S. KAMES, ESQ, Secretary Athletic Base Ball Club, Philadelphia:

Dear Sir:—I find on examination that the Baltimore Athletic game of June 10, 1888, played at Gloucester, N. J., and won by your club, and which has been counted in the regular championship series as a postponed game of April 21, was irregular, for the reason that the said postponed game of April 21 was played off by your club in Philadelphia as per authority of my official circular No. 36, on May 16, 1888. Therefore, the game won by the Athletic Club on June 10 cannot be counted in the regular championship series.

Yours truly,

WHEELER C. WIKOFF, Secy.

It will be seen that the St. Louis Club won the championship, and for the fourth consecutive time, thus breaking the record. The Brooklyns, by a liberal expenditure of money toward the close of the season, succeeded in strengthening sufficiently to head off the Athletics for second place, and the latter had to be content with third position. The Cincinnati did good work toward the close, despite the sale of several valuable players, and almost succeeded in closing the gap between fourth and third places; as it was, they ended a close fourth. Baltimore secured fifth place by a goodly margin over the sixth club, Cleveland. Louisville finished seventh, the lowest position the club ever occupied. Kansas City, though the tail-ender, nevertheless made an excellent first-season record. Neither the St. Louis nor Brooklyn Clubs lost a series. They split even with ten victories each in their games, and Brooklyn stood alone in winning the series from every other club. The Brooklyn Club alone played its full schedule of 140 games.

The following is a full and complete summary of the work done by the eight clubs in the championship arena during 1888:

	St. Louis.	Brooklyn.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Baltimore.	Cleveland.	Louisville.	Kansas City.
Victories.....	93	88	81	80	87	80	49	43
Defeats.....	43	52	52	54	80	82	87	89
Drawn Games.....	2	3	3	3	0	3	4	0
Total Played.....	137	143	136	137	137	135	139	132
Per Cent. of Victories.....	.681	.629	.609	.597	.416	.378	.355	.326
Series Won.....	4	6	4	3	2	0	1	0
Series Lost.....	0	0	1	1	4	3	5	6
Series Tied.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Series Unfinished.....	2	0	1	2	1	4	1	1
"Chicago" Victories.....	12	9	13	9	3	5	6	4
"Chicago" Defeats.....	4	9	5	7	8	12	6	10
Home Victories.....	60	52	51	56	30	32	26	25
Home Defeats.....	21	20	20	24	26	27	29	33
Victories Abroad.....	29	36	30	24	27	18	22	18
Defeats Abroad.....	22	32	32	50	31	23	58	56
Extra Innings Victories.....	3	7	5	8	3	1	2	1
Extra Innings Def ats.....	6	3	7	4	3	1	5	2
Extra Innings Drawn.....	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0
Single Figure Victories.....	73	71	57	56	48	37	37	32
Single Figure Defeats.....	38	46	46	44	59	58	62	65
Double Figure Victories.....	19	14	24	24	9	13	11	11
Double Figure Defeats.....	5	6	6	10	21	24	25	24
Batting Average.....	.250	.243	.263	.240	.231	.235	.248	.221
Fielding Average.....	.930	.924	.934	.910	.928	.921	.913	.921
Highest Score in a Game.....	18	13	23	18	12	23	18	26
Worst Defeat.....	5-0	7-0	8-0	12-0	14-0	15-0	9-0	14-0
Won by One Run.....	15	20	11	19	16	14	11	16
Lost by One Run.....	18	15	15	14	10	19	10	15
Total Runs Scored.....	790	757	828	734	653	641	678	578
Total Stolen Bases.....	526	413	568	464	374	399	368	266

### THE CHAMPION CLUB TEAM OF 1888.

There were fourteen players of the St. Louis team who took part in forty games and over, the first nine being as follows:

King, pitcher, 65 games; Boyle, catcher, 71 games; Comiskey, first baseman, 137 games; Robinson, second baseman, 134 games; Latham, third baseman, 133 games; White, shortstop, 109 games; O'Neill, left field, 130 games; Lyons, center field, 123 games; and McCarthy, right field, 131 games. The other battery players were Hudson, pitcher, 55 games; Milligan, catcher, 63 games; Chamberlain, pitcher, 40 games; Herr, shortstop, 43 games, and McGarr, second base, 35 games. The other players are not named in the official averages. The first nine who played in one hundred games and over, and who led in batting averages, were O'Neill, McCarthy, Comiskey, Latham, Robinson, White, and

Lyons; Hudson, Milligan, Boyle, King and Chamberlain, all of whom played in less than one hundred games, following in order.

In fielding averages, Comiskey, Milligan, O'Neill, Boyle, McCarthy, Lyons, Robinson and Latham.

The feature of the work of the team in winning the pennant was the ability shown by Captain Comiskey in his position; the fine infield work, too, of Latham and Robinson, and the outfielding of O'Neill and McCarthy greatly aiding the batteries of the team. The full summary of the team's work is given below:

	Brooklyn.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Baltimore.	Cleveland.	Louisville.	Kansas City.	Totals.
Victories .....	10	10	10	14	16	16	16	92
Defeats .....	10	7	8	6	4	4	4	43
Drawn Games .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Series Won .....	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
Series Tied .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Series Unfinished .....	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
"Chicago" Victories .....	3	2	0	2	4	1	0	12
"Chicago" Defeats .....	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
Single Figure Victories .....	9	10	8	11	13	10	14	77
Single Figure Defeats .....	9	5	7	6	4	3	4	39
Double Figure Victories .....	1	0	2	3	4	6	2	18
Double Figure Defeats .....	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	5
Extra Innings Games .....	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
Victories at Home .....	6	6	6	8	9	11	14	60
Defeats at Home .....	4	3	4	4	1	2	3	21
Victories Abroad .....	4	4	4	6	7	5	2	32
Defeats Abroad .....	6	4	4	2	3	2	1	22
Won by One Run .....	2	3	2	2	3	4	1	15
Lost by One Run .....	5	1	4	4	1	1	2	18
Highest Score in a Game .....	13-4	8-1	17-5	16-9	14-4	18-1	14-5	..
Worst Defeat .....	2-11	0-5	1-10	2-5	2-6	4-10	7-9	..

The pitching record of the champion team for 1888 is appended:

	Brooklyn.		Athletic.		Cincinnati.		Baltimore.		Cleveland.		Louisville.		Kansas City.		Totals.	Per Cent. of Victories.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.			
King .....	8	4	6	3	5	4	6	5	7	1	6	3	6	1	44	21	65
Hudson .....	1	3	3	2	2	0	5	1	7	2	0	0	2	2	26	10	36
Chamberlain .....	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	11	2	13
Devlin .....	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	6	5	11
Knauff .....	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	4	9
Freeman .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Totals .....	10	10	10	7	10	8	14	6	16	4	16	4	16	4	92	43	135

The appended record of the six years' work in the American Association championship arena, showing the winning clubs and their managers, as also their victories, defeats and percentage of victories, will be found interesting:

YEAR.	WINNING CLUB.	MANAGER.	Victories.	Defeats.	Games.	Percentage.
1882....	Cincinnati .....	Thorner.....	55	25	80	.680
1883....	Athletic .....	Simmons .....	66	32	98	.670
1884....	Metropolitan.....	Mutrie.....	75	32	107	.700
1885....	St. Louis.....	Comiskey.....	79	33	112	.705
1886....	St. Louis.....	Comiskey.....	93	46	139	.669
1887....	St. Louis.....	Comiskey.....	95	40	135	.704
1888....	St. Louis.....	Comiskey.....	92	43	135	.681

### THE MONTHLY RECORD.

The record of the victories and defeats scored each month of the championship campaign is appended, by which it will be seen that the record of the Brooklyn team for October surpassed that of any other club's monthly record of the season. Cincinnati led in April, Brooklyn in May, the Athletics in June, Cincinnati in July, St. Louis in August, while in September St. Louis and Brooklyn tied, Brooklyn leading in October. St. Louis' best month's work was done in August, Brooklyn's in October, the Athletics' in June, the Cincinnati's in July, the Baltimore's in September, the Cleveland's in September, the Louisville's in July, and the Kansas City's in August. Kansas City was the only club which failed in at least one month to score more victories than defeats, their best record for any month being a tie in victories and defeats. Here is the table in full:

	April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Tot'ls.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.
St. Louis.....	5	3	14	5	16	7	15	12	18	3	18	8	6	5	92	43
Brooklyn.....	7	5	18	4	14	9	12	11	8	14	18	8	11	1	88	52
Athletic.....	7	4	7	11	18	4	12	11	16	6	14	12	7	4	81	52
Cincinnati.....	8	3	15	6	9	13	16	7	12	9	11	14	9	2	86	54
Baltimore.....	6	4	7	11	12	12	9	17	7	17	13	12	3	8	57	80
Cleveland.....	2	9	9	11	6	15	12	13	6	12	12	12	3	10	50	82
Louisville.....	4	7	5	15	7	15	13	10	8	14	7	18	4	7	4	87
Kansas City....	2	6	5	16	7	14	9	17	11	11	8	15	2	8	43	89
Totals.....	41	41	80	80	89	89	98	98	86	86	100	100	45	45	539	539

The Athletics' victory over Baltimore on June 10, is not counted in the above table.



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AVERAGES.

The official record of the American Association for the season of 1888 as sent us by President Wikoff, will be found in full below:

BATTING RECORD.

(In the following, no in or outfielders' record is given unless twenty games have been played in the position, and no pitcher or catcher's record is given unless fifteen games have been played.)

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	No. of Games.	No. of Base Hit.	No. of Stolen Bases.	Av. B, H, to A. B.
1	O'Neill .....	St. Louis .....	130	176	24	.332
2	Stovey .....	Athletic .....	130	171	156	.318
3	Lyons .....	Athletic .....	111	145	45	.325
4	Reilly .....	Cincinnati .....	126	167	80	.324
5	Collins .....	Louisville and Brooklyn ..	126	164	91	.318
6	Browning .....	Louisville .....	99	120	39	.313
7	Orr .....	Brooklyn .....	95	119	16	.303
8	Burns .....	Baltimore and Brooklyn ..	129	158	48	.299
9	Wolf .....	Louisville ..	127	159	40	.298
10	McKean .....	Cleveland .....	130	161	66	.297
11	Tucker .....	Baltimore .....	136	152	49	.291
12	Welch .....	Athletic .....	136	160	121	.291
12	Corkhill .....	Cincinnati and Brooklyn ..	137	159	41	.285
13	Foutz .....	Brooklyn .....	140	159	40	.283
13	Larkin .....	Athletic .....	135	154	19	.283
14	Bierbauer .....	Athletic .....	134	148	56	.279
15	Sullivan .....	Athletic .....	28	31	8	.277
16	McCarthy .....	St. Louis .....	131	141	109	.276
17	Trott .....	Baltimore .....	31	30	3	.275
17	O'Brien .....	Brooklyn .....	136	147	68	.275
18	Weaver .....	Louisville .....	26	31	12	.274
19	Comiskey .....	St. Louis .....	137	156	77	.271
20	Carpenter .....	Cincinnati .....	135	147	56	.269
21	Robinson .....	Athletic .....	67	67	15	.268
21	Mattimore .....	Athletic .....	41	38	14	.268
21	Davis .....	Kansas City .....	122	131	45	.266
22	Herr .....	St. Louis .....	43	46	9	.266
22	Stratton .....	Louisville ..	65	64	15	.266
23	Smith .....	Athletic and Baltimore ..	35	31	3	.265
24	Latham .....	St. Louis .....	133	150	124	.264
24	Faatz .....	Cleveland .....	120	124	68	.264
25	Hudson .....	St. Louis .....	55	51	6	.262
26	Griffin .....	Baltimore .....	137	141	53	.261
27	Pinkney .....	Brooklyn .....	143	150	50	.260
28	Hecker .....	Louisville .....	55	53	23	.255
29	Kappell .....	Cincinnati .....	35	35	22	.254
29	Terry .....	Brooklyn .....	30	29	13	.254

## BATTING RECORD—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	No of Games.	No. of Base Hit.	No. of Stolen Bases	Av. B. H. to A. B.
30	Milligan.....	St. Louis.....	63	55	8	.252
31	McTamany.....	Kansas City.....	116	130	56	.251
	Mullane.....	Cincinnati.....	51	44	13	.251
	Hamilton.....	Kansas City.....	35	32	23	.250
32	Zimmer.....	Cleveland.....	63	53	18	.250
	Goodfellow.....	Cleveland.....	69	68	7	.250
	Hotaling.....	Cleveland.....	97	103	33	.250
33	Smith.....	Louisville.....	56	48	48	.246
34	Boyle.....	St. Louis.....	71	63	15	.245
	Clark.....	Brooklyn.....	45	37	12	.245
35	Cline.....	Kansas City.....	73	71	30	.243
36	Donohue.....	Kansas City.....	87	80	12	.241
37	Kerins.....	Louisville.....	81	74	20	.239
38	Nicol.....	Cincinnati.....	134	128	104	.236
	Hogan.....	Cleveland.....	77	63	35	.236
39	Phillips.....	Kansas City.....	129	120	11	.235
40	Gilks.....	Cleveland.....	118	110	19	.232
41	Robinson.....	St. Louis.....	134	106	62	.231
	Stricker.....	Cleveland.....	126	113	68	.231
42	McPhee.....	Cincinnati.....	110	104	53	.230
	Carruthers.....	Brooklyn.....	94	77	33	.230
43	Keenan.....	Cincinnati.....	84	72	8	.225
44	Tebeau.....	Cincinnati.....	121	95	33	.228
	Mack.....	Louisville.....	110	100	23	.228
	Goldsby.....	Baltimore.....	44	37	19	.227
45	Poorman.....	Athletic.....	85	87	43	.227
46	Esterbrook.....	Louisville.....	23	21	6	.226
	O'Brien.....	Baltimore.....	57	44	15	.224
47	Radford.....	Brooklyn.....	91	70	36	.224
	Gleason.....	Athletic.....	123	112	37	.224
48	Purcell.....	Baltimore and Athletic.....	119	105	25	.224
49	White.....	Louisville and St. Louis..	109	104	30	.221
	Barkley.....	Kansas City.....	116	106	16	.220
50	Smith.....	Cincinnati.....	40	29	3	.220
	Bushong.....	Brooklyn.....	69	55	11	.220
	Baldwin.....	Cincinnati.....	66	58	2	.220
	Weyhing.....	Athletic.....	49	40	8	.219
51	Fagan.....	Kansas City.....	18	14	0	.219
52	Gunning.....	Athletic.....	23	20	15	.217
	Shindle.....	Baltimore.....	135	111	59	.216
53	Snyder.....	Cleveland.....	63	50	10	.216
	McClellan.....	Brooklyn and Cleveland..	97	75	29	.215
54	Sommer.....	Baltimore.....	79	64	15	.215
	Allen.....	Kansas City.....	37	29	5	.215
55	Smith.....	Brooklyn.....	103	86	31	.214
56	Cross.....	Louisville.....	47	39	9	.213
57	King.....	St. Louis.....	65	42	5	.212
58	Werrick.....	Louisville.....	109	86	21	.210

BATTING RECORD—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	No. of Games.	No. of Base Hit.	No. of Stolen Bases.	Av. B. H. to A. B.
59	Raymond.....	Louisville.....	32	26	6	.208
60	McGuire.....	Cleveland.....	25	18	1	.207
61	Ewing.....	Louisville.....	21	16	6	.205
62	Daniels.....	Kansas City.....	61	46	19	.205
63	Vaughn.....	Louisville.....	49	37	5	.203
64	{ Andrews.....	Louisville.....	27	20	5	.202
	{ Greenwood.....	Baltimore.....	113	82	54	.202
65	O'Connor.....	Cincinnati.....	36	28	13	.201
66	Cook.....	Louisville.....	53	35	15	.200
67	Peoples.....	Brooklyn.....	33	21	9	.198
68	Farrell.....	Baltimore.....	103	79	32	.197
69	Fennelly.....	Cincinnati and Athletic..	127	96	49	.196
70	{ Esterday.....	Kansas City.....	114	78	18	.195
	{ Rowe.....	Kansas City.....	32	24	1	.195
71	Albert.....	Cleveland.....	101	69	32	.192
72	Lyons.....	St. Louis.....	123	95	42	.190
73	Cunningham.....	Baltimore.....	51	33	2	.198
74	McGarr.....	St. Louis.....	35	25	25	.187
75	O'Brien.....	Cleveland.....	31	20	2	.185
76	McGlone.....	Cleveland.....	55	37	26	.183
77	Fulmer.....	Baltimore.....	51	30	17	.179
78	Hankinson.....	Kansas City.....	37	27	2	.175
79	Brennan.....	Kansas City.....	34	20	6	.174
80	Kilroy.....	Baltimore.....	43	24	12	.166
81	Cantz.....	Baltimore.....	37	21	1	.165
82	Chamberlain.....	Louisville and St. Louis..	40	23	12	.161
83	Seward.....	Athletic.....	64	35	12	.154
84	{ Townsend.....	Athletic.....	43	24	1	.150
	{ Hughes.....	Brooklyn.....	39	20	3	.150
85	Tomney.....	Louisville.....	34	18	12	.149
86	Porter.....	Kansas City.....	55	27	4	.137
87	Bakely.....	Cleveland.....	60	25	1	.131
88	Burdock.....	Brooklyn.....	69	30	9	.125
89	Ramsey.....	Louisville.....	41	17	0	.123
90	Holbert.....	Brooklyn.....	15	6	1	.115
91	Sullivan.....	Kansas City.....	28	10	7	.109
92	Mays.....	Brooklyn.....	18	6	2	.095
93	Viau.....	Cincinnati.....	41	12	3	.085
49	Crowell.....	Louisville and Cleveland..	19	5	2	.080

A mistake is made in the above record in placing the names of batsmen whose averages are alike, in the wrong order. Thus, Pratt who played in but 31 games is placed ahead of O'Brien, who played in 136, both making the same batting averages.

## FIELDING RECORD. CATCHERS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number Games.		
			Number	Chances Offered	Per Cent. Accepted.
1	Donohue .....	Kansas City .....	66	395	.965
2	Robinson .....	Athletic .....	66	595	.955
	Keenan .....	Cincinnati .....	70	536	.955
3	Milligan .....	St. Louis .....	58	429	.944
4	Holbert .....	Brooklyn .....	15	105	.934
5	Boyle .....	St. Louis .....	70	539	.933
6	Cross .....	Louisville .....	38	292	.928
7	Snyder .....	Cleveland .....	43	334	.922
8	Zimmer .....	Cleveland .....	56	443	.921
9	Trott .....	Baltimore .....	27	205	.917
10	Vaughn .....	Louisville .....	25	184	.913
	Baldwin .....	Cincinnati .....	64	483	.913
11	Bushong .....	Brooklyn .....	68	489	.908
12	Townsend .....	Athletic .....	43	330	.906
13	O'Brien .....	Baltimore .....	38	271	.905
14	Fulmer .....	Baltimore .....	46	309	.903
15	Cook .....	Louisville .....	50	316	.902
16	Gunning .....	Athletic .....	23	192	.896
17	Cantz .....	Baltimore .....	33	227	.890
18	Kerins .....	Louisville .....	30	320	.888
19	Brennan .....	Kansas City .....	25	176	.887
20	McGuire .....	Cleveland .....	16	131	.885
21	Daniels .....	Kansas City .....	31	232	.875
22	Clark .....	Brooklyn .....	36	307	.857
23	Peoples .....	Brooklyn .....	26	252	.841

## PITCHERS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number Games.		
			Number	Chances Offered.	Per cent. Accepted.
1	Chamberlain .....	Louisville and St. Louis ..	37	255	.988
2	Ewing .....	Louisville .....	21	135	.985
3	Terry .....	Brooklyn .....	24	186	.978
4	Mays .....	Brooklyn .....	18	120	.975
5	Foutz .....	Brooklyn .....	19	115	.971
6	Sullivan .....	Kansas City .....	24	167	.970
7	Stratton .....	Louisville .....	34	184	.968
8	Hudson .....	St. Louis .....	37	230	.962
	Kilroy .....	Baltimore .....	42	229	.965
9	Hughes .....	Brooklyn .....	39	261	.962
	King .....	St. Louis .....	65	397	.962
10	Crowell .....	Cleveland and Louisville ..	19	103	.961
	Bakely .....	Cleveland .....	60	359	.961
	Mullane .....	Cincinnati .....	44	284	.961
	Viau .....	Cincinnati .....	41	257	.961



PITCHERS' RECORD—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number Games.	Chances Offered.	Per cent. Accepted.
11	Seward .....	Athletic.....	57	428	.957
12	O'Brien.....	Cleveland.....	29	213	.953
13	Porter.....	Kansas City.....	55	507	.951
14	Weyhing .....	Athletic.....	48	328	.948
	Smith.....	Cincinnati.....	40	211	.948
15	Carruthers.....	Brooklyn.....	45	273	.945
16	Hecker.....	Louisville.....	23	154	.942
17	Smith.....	Athletic and Baltimore .....	38	248	.940
19	Cunningham.....	Baltimore.....	51	335	.934
20	Ramsey.....	Louisville.....	37	290	.924
21	Mattimore.....	Athletic.....	26	162	.914
31	Fagan.....	Kansas City.....	17	92	.913

This table is rendered useless as a criterion of a pitcher's skill as a fielder, on account of the mixing up of assistances on strikes with fielding assistances, which are distinct and separate figures for data.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number Games.	Chances Offered.	Per cent. Accepted.
1	Andrews.....	Louisville.....	27	302	.993
2	Foutz.....	Brooklyn.....	42	371	.986
	Faatz.....	Cleveland.....	120	1247	.986
3	Orr.....	Brooklyn.....	95	1044	.980
4	Reilly.....	Cincinnati.....	116	1313	.979
5	Phillips.....	Kansas City.....	129	1500	.977
6	Tucker.....	Baltimore.....	129	1441	.975
7	Smith.....	Louisville.....	56	578	.974
8	Larkin.....	Athletic.....	121	1294	.972
	Comiskey.....	St. Louis.....	133	1379	.972
9	Esterbrook.....	Louisville.....	23	238	.958
20	Hecker.....	Louisville.....	27	294	.952

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Barkley.....	Kansas City.....	116	683	.941
2	Strickler.....	Cleveland.....	122	791	.938
	McPhee.....	Cincinnati.....	110	776	.938
3	Bierbauer.....	Athletics.....	122	795	.935
4	Collins.....	Louisville and Brooklyn.....	30	176	.926
5	McClellan.....	Brooklyn and Cleveland.....	62	346	.920
6	Burdock.....	Brooklyn.....	69	431	.919
7	Mack.....	Louisville.....	110	703	.915
8	Greenwood.....	Baltimore.....	87	442	.914
	Farrell.....	Baltimore.....	47	174	.913
9	McGarr.....	St. Louis.....	34	193	.915
20	Robinson.....	St. Louis.....	100	496	.904

## THIRD BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number Games.	Chances Offered.	Per cent. Accepted.
1	Shindle .....	Baltimore .....	135	606	.910
2	Pinkney .....	Brooklyn .....	143	470	.896
3	Albert .....	Cleveland .....	48	198	.894
4	Lyons .....	Athletic .....	111	397	.889
5	Latham .....	St. Louis .....	132	525	.882
6	Carpenter .....	Cincinnati .....	135	491	.878
7	Raymond .....	Louisville .....	31	129	.876
8	Davis .....	Kansas City .....	114	576	.849
9	Werrick .....	Louisville .....	89	321	.822
10	Gilks .....	Cleveland .....	26	109	.798
11	McGlone .....	Cleveland .....	48	198	.793

## SHORT STOPS.

1	Farrell .....	Baltimore .....	56	395	.937
2	Tomney .....	Louisville .....	34	174	.914
3	Esterday .....	Kansas City .....	114	640	.900
4	McKean .....	Cleveland .....	75	380	.895
5	Sommer .....	Baltimore .....	32	161	.885
6	Herr .....	St. Louis .....	28	133	.872
7	Fennelly .....	Cincinnati and Athletic .....	120	723	.871
8	Gleason .....	Athletic .....	121	565	.865
9	Wolf .....	Louisville .....	38	222	.860
10	Albert .....	Cleveland .....	52	272	.857
11	Burns .....	Baltimore and Brooklyn .....	53	277	.848
12	Smith .....	Brooklyn .....	103	600	.847
13	Robinson .....	St. Louis .....	34	168	.845
14	Greenwood .....	Baltimore .....	26	118	.831
15	White .....	Louisville and St. Louis .....	96	595	.827
16	Kappell .....	Cincinnati .....	21	107	.785

## LEFT FIELDERS.

1	Stovey .....	Athletic .....	117	226	.956
2	Browning .....	Louisville .....	21	35	.943
3	Allen .....	Kansas City .....	33	80	.938
4	O'Neill .....	St. Louis .....	130	257	.934
5	O'Brien .....	Brooklyn .....	136	261	.931
6	Collins .....	Louisville and Brooklyn .....	57	152	.921
7	{ Sommer .....	Baltimore .....	30	56	.911
	{ Tebeau .....	Cincinnati .....	121	235	.911
8	Vaughn .....	Louisville .....	20	40	.900
9	Goldsby .....	Baltimore .....	42	58	.893
10	McKean .....	Cleveland .....	43	88	.886
	{ Hogan .....	Cleveland .....	26	41	.878
	{ Gilks .....	Cleveland .....	58	115	.878
12	Burns .....	Baltimore and Brooklyn .....	47	120	.833
13	Cline .....	Kansas City .....	26	46	.826
14	Sullivan .....	Kansas City .....	16	25	.800
15	Stratton .....	Louisville .....	23	37	.730

CENTER FIELDERS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number Games.	Chances Offered.	Per cent. Accepted.
1	Welch.....	Athletic.....	135	309	.968
2	Corkhill.....	Cincinnati and Brooklyn...	131	320	.966
3	Gilks.....	Cleveland.....	26	50	.960
4	Radford.....	Brooklyn.....	84	208	.947
5	Griffin.....	Baltimore.....	137	323	.941
6	McTamany.....	Kansas City.....	68	206	.932
7	Lyons.....	St. Louis.....	108	267	.910
8	Weaver.....	Louisville.....	26	49	.898
9	Rowe.....	Kansas City.....	32	68	.897
10	Browning.....	Louisville.....	78	181	.884
11	Hotaling.....	Cleveland.....	97	200	.875
12	Collins.....	Louisville and Brooklyn...	24	61	.852
13	O'Connor.....	Cincinnati.....	19	39	.846

RIGHT FIELDERS.

1	Hogan.....	Cleveland.....	51	90	.988
2	McClellan.....	Brooklyn and Cleveland...	32	52	.962
3	Nicol.....	Cincinnati.....	124	218	.950
4	Hamilton.....	Kansas City.....	29	35	.943
5	Foutz.....	Brooklyn.....	78	251	.932
6	McCarthy.....	St. Louis.....	118	276	.924
7	Purcell.....	Athletic and Baltimore....	111	182	.923
8	{ Carruthers.....	Brooklyn.....	31	80	.900
	{ Cline.....	Kansas City.....	44	80	.900
9	Poorman.....	Athletic.....	85	134	.896
10	Wolf.....	Louisville.....	83	158	.892
11	McTamany.....	Kansas City.....	48	92	.891
12	Goodfellow.....	Cleveland.....	51	100	.850
13	Kerins.....	Louisville.....	35	61	.820

CLUB BATTING RECORD.

Rank.	CLUBS.	Number of Games.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Number of Base Hits.	Stolen Bases.	Per cent B. H. to A. B.
1	Athletic.....	136	4801	828	1262	568	.263
2	St. Louis.....	137	4753	790	1188	526	.250
3	Louisville.....	137	4807	678	1190	368	.248
4	Brooklyn.....	143	4868	757	1183	413	.243
5	Cincinnati.....	136	4762	734	1143	464	.240
6	Cleveland.....	134	4560	641	1073	399	.235
7	Baltimore.....	137	4654	653	1073	379	.231
8	Kansas City.....	132	4582	578	1011	266	.221
	Total.....	1092	37787	5659	9123	3383	.241

## CLUB FIELDING RECORD.

Rank.	CLUBS.	Number of Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances Offered.	Per c. Chances Accepted.
1	Cincinnati.....	136	3671	2266	445	6382	.940
2	Athletic.....	135	3623	2315	422	6360	.934
3	St. Louis.....	137	3635	2092	432	6159	.930
4	Baltimore.....	137	3597	2220	452	6269	.928
5	Brooklyn.....	143	3851	2318	508	6677	.924
6	{ Kansas City .....	132	3471	2321	500	6292	.921
7	{ Cleveland .....	134	3484	2217	487	6188	.921
	{ Louisville.....	137	3631	2307	566	6504	.913
	Total.....		28963	18056	3812	50831	.927

## CHICAGO GAMES.

The following is the record of the "Chicago" games played in the American Association championship arena in 1888, games in which the defeated nine fails to score a single run :

CLUBS.	St. Louis.	Brooklyn.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Baltimore.	Cleveland.	Louisville.	Kansas City.	Victories.
St. Louis.....	....	3	2	0	2	4	1	0	12
Brooklyn .....	1	...	1	1	0	3	1	1	8
Athletic.....	1	1	...	2	2	1	1	5	13
Cincinnati .....	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	2	9
Baltimore .....	0	0	1	1	...	0	0	1	3
Cleveland.....	1	0	0	2	1	...	0	2	6
Louisville ...	0	2	0	1	1	2	...	0	6
Kansas City.....	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	...	4
Defeats .....	4	9	5	7	8	12	5	11	61



EXTRA INNINGS GAME.

The games—victories, defeats and drawn—which required extra innings to be played, were as follows :

CLUBS.	St. Louis.	Brooklyn.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Baltimore.	Cleveland.	Lou. ville.	Kansas City.	Victories.	Drawn.
St. Louis.....	...	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	2
Brooklyn.....	2	...	2	3	0	0	2	1	15	2
Athletic.....	1	1	...	2	1	0	2	0	7	2
Cincinnati.....	3	2	2	...	1	2	1	0	11	2
Baltimore.....	2	0	0	0	...	0	1	0	3	0
Cleveland.....	0	0	1	1	0	...	0	0	2	1
Louisville.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	...	1	3	1
Kansas City.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	...	1	0
Def. ats... ..	8	5	9	7	3	2	6	2	42	10

The record of the series of games won and lost by each club with every other club in the American Association championship arena in 1888, is as follows :

CLUBS.	Brooklyn.		St. Louis.		Athletic.		Cincinnati.		Baltimore.		Louisville.		Cleveland.		Kansas City.		Series Totals.	
	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Brooklyn.....	..	..	10	10	12	8	14	6	12	8	13	8	16	4	11	9	6	0
St. Louis.....	10	10	..	..	10	7	10	10	8	15	16	4	16	4	16	4	4	0
Athletic.....	5	12	7	10	..	..	10	10	15	5	15	3	10	7	14	4	4	1
Cincinnati.....	6	14	8	10	10	10	..	..	14	6	15	3	10	7	15	4	3	1
Baltimore.....	8	12	5	15	5	15	6	14	..	..	11	9	10	9	11	9	2	4
Louisville.....	8	13	4	16	5	15	3	17	9	11	..	8	8	9	11	6	1	5
Cleveland.....	4	16	4	16	7	13	7	10	9	10	8	..	..	9	9	9	0	3
Kansas City.....	9	11	4	16	3	14	4	15	9	11	6	11	9	9	..	..	0	6

The St. Louis, Brooklyn, Athletic and Cincinnati Clubs, each had one series tied; while the Baltimore Club had four unfinished series; the St. Louis and Cincinnati Clubs two each, and the Athletic, Baltimore, Louisville and Kansas City Clubs one each, the Brooklyn Club playing their full quota of scheduled games.

## THE YEARLY RECORD.

The appended table gives the number of games won by all the clubs which have competed for the American Association championship from 1882 to 1888 inclusive :

CLUBS.	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	Yrs.	Total Vict'is.
St. Louis .....	37	65	67	79	92	94	92	7	526
Cincinnati .....	55	62	68	63	64	80	80	7	472
Athletic .....	41	66	61	55	60	64	81	7	428
Baltimore .....	19	28	63	41	48	76	57	7	332
Louisville .....	42	52	68	53	66	76	48	7	405
Metropolitan .....	...	54	75	44	53	43	....	6	269
Pittsburg .....	39	30	30	56	78	....	....	5	233
Brooklyn .....	...	....	40	53	76	59	88	5	316
Columbus .....	...	32	69	....	....	....	..	2	101
Cleveland .....	...	....	....	....	....	38	50	2	88
Indianapolis .....	...	....	29	....	....	....	....	1	29
Washington .....	...	....	12	....	....	....	....	1	12
Virginia .....	...	....	12	....	....	....	....	1	12
Kansas City .....	...	....	....	....	....	....	43	1	43
Toledo .....	...	....	46	....	....	....	....	1	46
Total .....	233	389	640	444	537	530	539		

## A COMPARATIVE RECORD.

The following table gives the comparative figures of the League and the Association in their championship contests in 1888 :

CLUBS.				CLUBS.			
	Victories.	Defeats.	Percentage.		Victories.	Defeats.	Percentage.
New York .....	84	47	.641	St. Louis .....	92	43	.681
Chicago .....	77 <sup>a</sup>	53	.570	Brooklyn .....	88	52	.629
Philadelphia .....	69	61	.531	Athletic .....	82	52	.612
Boston .....	70	64	.522	Cincinnati .....	80	54	.597
Detroit .....	68	63	.519	Baltimore .....	57	81	.413
Pittsburg .....	66	68	.493	Cleveland .....	50	82	.370
Indianapolis .....	50	85	.370	Louisville .....	48	87	.356
Washington .....	48	86	.358	Kansas City .....	43	89	.323

## NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN RECORDS.

The New York League Club and the Brooklyn American Association Club closed the first six years of their existence in 1888. The New York Club joined the League in 1883, and won the championship in 1888. The principal statistics of the club's

work on the diamond field during that period is shown in the appended table :

YEARS.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Played.	Batting Average.	Fielding Average.
1883.....	46	50	2	98	.256	.825
1884.....	62	50	4	116	.257	.816
1885.....	85	27	0	112	.269	.865
1886.....	75	44	5	124	.269	.853
1887.....	68	55	6	129	.331	.886
1888.....	84	47	7	138	.240	.918
Totals.....	420	273	24	717	.270	.860

During these six seasons the New Yorks played 398 games with the Chicagos, Detroit, Bostons and Philadelphias, winning 223 and losing 175. Of these four clubs the New Yorks found the Chicagos to be their strongest opponents, and the Bostons their weakest. One hundred games were played with each of the two clubs, the New Yorks winning sixty-one from Boston, and only forty-one from Chicago.

The Brooklyn Club began its career in 1883 by winning the championship of the Interstate Association of that year, and in 1884 the club entered the American Association.

The following is the record of the Brooklyn Club's field work in the first six years of its history :

YEARS.	Victories.	Defeats.	Games Play'd	Drawn.	Pr. Ct of Champ. Victs.
1883.....	65	33	101	3	.643
1884.....	57	75	136	4	.384
1885.....	83	67	142	2	.473
1886.....	91	63	160	6	.557
1887.....	78	80	156	4	.448
1888.....	88	52	100	3	.629
Totals, six years.....	462	370	875	22	

Each club won championship honors in but one season out of six, the Brooklyn beginning by winning a pennant, and the New Yorkers ending with championship honors.

**THE PHILADELPHIA CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The Philadelphia League Club and the American Association Athletic Club played a spring and fall exhibition game series for the professional championship of Philadelphia, the result of which was a victory for the American teams, as will be seen by the appended record :

**ATHLETIC VICTORIES.**

**ATHLETIC VS. PHILADELPHIA.**

DATE.	PITCHERS.	Score.
April 9.....	Seward, Gleason.....	4-2
April 11.....	Seward, Sanders.....	15-4
April 12.....	Weyhing, Casey.....	7-1
April 14.....	Seward, Gleason.....	3-1
April 16.....	Weyhing, Tyng.....	13-7
October 18.....	Seward, Sanders.....	8-5

**PHILADELPHIA VICTORIES.**

**PHILADELPHIA VS. ATHLETIC.**

DATE.	PITCHERS.	Score.
April 13.....	Gleason, Mattimore.....	8-2
April 17.....	Buffinton, Blair.....	7-1
October 19.....	Casey, Weyhing.....	8-0
October 20.....	Buffinton, Smith.....	12-0

**THE EXHIBITION GAME CAMPAIGN.**

The experience of the season of 1888 in the playing of exhibition games during the spring and fall between League and American Clubs, shows that while the spring series prove attractive, owing to the desire of the patrons of the game to see how the club teams of the two organizations compare with each other in relative strength, preparatory to the opening of the championship campaign in each arena; those played in the fall, after the two championships have been decided, have ceased to draw paying patronage. This decrease of interest in the fall exhibition games, too, has been largely due to the introduction of the World's Championship series, which now monopolize public interest after the regular championship season has ended. It has been proposed to substitute a series of regular championship matches, on the basis of the series of the world's championship contests for the old time fall exhibition games, the plan in question including not only games between the championship teams of the League and the Association, but also between all the eight clubs of each or-



ganization, so as to show which are the eight leading club teams of the League and the American Association. Had this plan been carried out in 1888, we should not only have had the interesting series between the two champion teams of New York and St. Louis, but also those between Chicago and Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Athletic, Boston and Cincinnati, Detroit and Baltimore, Pittsburg and Cleveland, Indianapolis and Louisville, and Washington and Kansas City. It is to be hoped that a grand test series of games of this character will mark the closing professional campaign of 1889, for such a series would substitute very interesting championship matches for October in the place of the unmeaning and useless exhibition games of the past fall campaigns.

## THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

### THE FULL RECORD OF THE SERIES.

It has now become an established rule of the National League and the American Association, to close each season with a supplementary championship series of games between the teams of the two leading clubs winning the respective championships of the two organizations each year, to decide as to which of the two champion clubs is entitled to the honor of being the champion club of the United States, and consequently the world's champions in base ball. This supplementary series of games has grown in importance each year since the inaugural trial games of 1884, when a short series of games of this character took place on the Polo Grounds in October, 1884, between the League championship team of the Providence Club and the American championship team of the Metropolitan Club. It was a short series of best two games of the three played, the result being an easy victory for the League team, as the appended record shows:

#### THE SERIES OF 1884.

Oct. 23,	Providence vs. Metropolitan,	at the Polo Grounds.....	6-0
Oct. 24,	“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	3-1	
Oct. 25,	“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	12-2	
Total.....			21-3

#### THE SERIES OF 1885.

In 1885 the St. Louis Club first won the honors in the American pennant race, and the Chicago team in that of the League, and in October of that year the rival teams contested for the United States championship in a series of best four out of seven games. Though the series was a far more important one than that of 1884, still the rules governing the special games were not what they should have been, and consequently the result was not

satisfactory, as a dispute, followed by a forfeited game, led to a draw contest and an equal division of the gate receipts.

In this series \$1,000 was the prize competed for, and as neither team won the series, each club received \$500 of the prize money, each winning three games after the first game had been drawn. The record of these games is appended:

Oct. 14, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at Chicago (8 innings).....	5-5
Oct. 15, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at St. Louis (6 innings) forfeited.....	5-4
Oct. 16, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at St. Louis.....	7-4
Oct. 17, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at St. Louis.....	3-2
Oct. 22, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at Pittsburg (7 innings).....	9-2
Oct. 23, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at Cincinnati.....	9-2
Oct. 24, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at Cincinnati.....	13-4

Total victories for Chicago, 3; for St. Louis, 3, with one game drawn  
Total runs scored by Chicago, 43; by St. Louis, 41.

### THE SERIES OF 1886.

In 1886 the Chicago and St. Louis club teams again won the championship honors of their respective associations, and they again entered the lists for the "world's championship," this series being best out of six games, three being played at Chicago, and three at St. Louis; the winner of the series taking all the gate receipts. The result was the success of the St. Louis team, the scores being as follows:

Oct. 18, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at Chicago.....	6-0
Oct. 19, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at Chicago (8 innings).....	12-0
Oct. 20, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at Chicago (8 innings).....	11-4
Oct. 21, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at St. Louis (7 innings).....	8-5
Oct. 22, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at St. Louis (6 innings).....	10-3
Oct. 23, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at St. Louis (10 innings).....	4-3

Total runs for St. Louis, 38; for Chicago, 29.

### THE SERIES OF 1887.

In 1887 the world's championship series had become an established supplementary series of contests, and in this year these contests excited more interest than had previously been manifested in regard to them; the demands made upon the two contesting teams—the Detroit champions of the League and the St. Louis champions of the American Association—for a game of the series from the large cities of the East and West being such as to lead the two clubs to extend the series to one of best out of fifteen games. These were played at St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, and Pittsburg in the West, and at New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore in the East. The series began in St. Louis, and the eighth victory of the Detroit was won at Baltimore, St. Louis winning the last game of the series at St. Louis. The record of

the fifteen games, showing the pitchers in each contest, is as follows:

Date.	Contesting Clubs.	Cities.	Pitchers.	Innings	Score.
Oct. 10	St. Louis v. Detroit	St. Louis.....	Carruthers ... Getzein	9	6-1
" 11	Detroit v. St. Louis	St. Louis.....	Conway..... Foutz	9	5-3
" 12	" " "	Detroit .....	Getzein... Carruthers	13	2-1
" 13	" " "	Pittsburg....	Baldwin..... King	9	8-0
" 14	St. Louis v. Detroit	Brooklyn ....	Carruthers... Conway	9	5-2
" 15	Detroit v. St. Louis	New York... ..	Getzein .....	9	9-0
" 17	" " "	Philadelphia..	Baldwin .. Carruthers	9	3-1
" 18	" " "	Boston.....	Baldwin .. Carruthers	9	9-2
" 19	" " "	Philadelphia..	Conway .....	9	4-2
* " 21	St. Louis v. Detroit	Washington..	Carruthers... Getzein	9	11-4
† " 21	Detroit v. St. Louis	Baltimore....	Baldwin..... Foutz	9	13-3
" 22	" " "	Baltimore....	Baldwin..... Foutz	9	13-3
" 24	" " "	Detroit.....	Baldwin... Carruthers	9	6-3
" 25	" " "	Chicago.....	Getzein..... King	9	4-3
" 26	St. Louis v. Detroit	St. Louis.....	Carruthers .. Baldwin	6	9-2

\*A. M.

†P. M.

## THE SERIES OF 1888.

The contest for the world's championship in 1888 was the most exciting and important of any yet played; and the public attention given to the series throughout the entire base ball world, was such as to show that it would be a paying policy on the part of the League and the Association to establish a supplementary championship season, to begin on the first of October each year, the series of games to be played including not only that for the world's championship, but also to include contests between the other clubs of each organization so as to settle the question as to which were the eight leading professional teams of the country.

Prior to 1888 but three clubs had participated in the regular series, and these were: St. Louis on the one hand, and Chicago (twice) and Detroit on the other. In 1888, however, a new League candidate entered the field against the St. Louis champions, and that was the New York club team, it being the first time the two clubs had ever encountered each other. The series arranged between the two clubs was one of ten games, the first six victories to decide the contest. They were commenced at the Polo Grounds on October 16, and the opening contest gave promise of a very interesting series of games, and when the St. Louis team "Chicagoed" their League adversaries the next day the interest in the matches doubled. But the close of the first week's games left New York in the van with a credit of four victories out of the five games played. The contest of the 19th took place in Brooklyn, but the other four were played at the Polo Grounds, the largest attendance of the whole series being that of Saturday, Oct. 20, when the receipts exceeded \$5,000. At the four games

played at the Polo Grounds the aggregate of receipts was \$15,405, while the aggregate of receipts at the four games at St. Louis, was but \$5,612, less than that at the Saturday game at the Polo Grounds the previous week. The game at Brooklyn was marred by the bad weather, while that at Philadelphia was dampened by the lead the New York team had previously attained. The series virtually ended at St. Louis on October 25, when New York won their sixth victory and the championship. After that Ward left the New York team to join the Australian tourists, and the interest in the games ended, the receipts falling off from \$2,365 on October 25 to \$411 on October 26. The last game of the series was a mere ordinary exhibition game, Titcomb pitching in four innings and Hatfield in four. The player's game on the 28th was even less attractive, the St. Louis team winning easily by 6 to 0, Keefe, Welch and George taking turns in the box for New York. The record of the series in full is as follows:

DATE.	CONTESTING CLUBS.	CITIES.	PITCHERS.	In's	Scr.	Rec
Oct 16	N. York v. St. Louis	New York	Keefe.....King	9	2-1	\$2,876
" 17	St. Louis v. N. York	" "	Chamberlain..Welch	9	3-0	3,375
" 18	N. York v. St. Louis	" "	Keefe....King	9	4-2	3,530
" 19	" " "	Brooklyn.	Crane...Chamberlain	9	6-3	1,562
" 20	" " "	New York	Keefe.....King	8	6-4	5,624
" 22	" " "	Phil'd'l'a.	Welch..Chamberlain	8	12-5	1,781
" 24	St. Louis v. N. York	St. Louis.	King.....Crane	8	7-5	2,624
" 25	N. York v. St. Louis	" "	King...Chamberlain	9	11-3	2,365
" 26	St. Louis v. N. York	" "	King.....George	10	14-11	411
" 27	" " "	" "	{ Chamberlain.Tit- comb...Hatfeld }	9	18-7	212
Total.....						\$24,362

Total Runs—New York, 64; St. Louis, 60.  
 Pitchers' Victories—Keefe, 4; Welch, 1; King, 2; Chamberlain, 2; Crane, 1.  
 Pitchers' Defeats—Keefe, 0; Welch, 1; Crane, 1; Titcomb, 1; King, 3; Chamberlain, 3.

**THE STATISTICS OF THE GAMES.**  
**THE BATTING FIGURES.**

The batting figures of those of the New York team who played in five games and over, are as follows:

PLAYERS.	Games.	A. B.	R.	B. H.	S. B.	Per ct. B. H.
Ward.....	8	28	4	11	6	.393
Ewing.....	7	26	5	9	5	.346
Tiernan.....	10	38	8	13	5	.342
O'Rourke.....	10	36	4	12	3	.333
Whitney.....	10	37	7	11	3	.297
Connor.....	7	24	7	6	4	.250
Slattery.....	10	39	6	8	5	.205
Richardson.....	9	36	6	6	2	.167

Of those who played in less than five games, the batting figures were as follows:

PLAYERS.	Games.	A. B.	R.	B. H.	S. B.	Per cent of Base Hits.
Titcomb.....	1	4	1	2	0	.500
Gore.....	3	11	5	5	2	.454
Brown.....	2	8	1	3	0	.375
George.....	2	9	2	3	0	.333
Welch.....	2	7	2	2	0	.286
Hatfield.....	2	8	2	2	1	.250
Crane.....	2	7	1	1	0	.143
Murphy.....	3	10	1	1	0	.100
Keefe.....	4	11	2	2	0	.090

Of those of the St. Louis team who took part in five games and over, the batting figures were as follows:

PLAYERS.	Games.	A. B.	R.	B. H.	S. B.	Per cent. of Base Hits.
Milligan.....	8	25	5	10	0	.400
Comiskey.....	10	38	6	10	4	.263
Robinson.....	10	36	7	10	2	.263
O'Neil.....	10	35	9	10	0	.263
McCarthy.....	10	41	10	10	4	.244
Latham.....	10	41	10	9	10	.219
White.....	10	35	4	5	1	.143
Lyons.....	5	16	0	2	0	.111
King.....	5	16	1	1	0	.063
Chamberlain.....	5	13	3	0	1	.000

Of those who played in less than five games, the batting figures were as follows:

PLAYERS.	Games.	A. B.	R.	B. H.	S. B.	Per Cent. of Base Hits.
Boyle.....	4	16	4	6	3	.375
Herr.....	3	11	2	0	1	.000
Devlin.....	1	3	0	0	0	.000



## THE FIELDING FIGURES.

## NEW YORK.

PLAYERS.	Positions.	Games.	Fielding Average.
Ewing .....	C	7	.875
Brown .....	C	2	.1000
Murphy .....	C	3	.759
Connor .....	1B	7	.975
Richardson .....	2B	9	.978
Whitney .....	3B	10	.862
Ward .....	S	8	.919
O'Rourke .....	L F	10	.955
Slattery .....	C F	10	.826
Tiernan .....	R F	10	.783

## ST. LOUIS.

PLAYERS.	Positions.	Games.	Fielding Average.
Milligan .....	C	8	.932
Comiskey .....	1B	10	.966
Robinson .....	2B	10	.891
Latham .....	3B	10	.923
White .....	S	10	.796
O'Neill .....	L F	10	.885
Lyons .....	C F	5	.941
McCarthy .....	R F	10	.765

## THE PITCHERS' FIGURES.

The pitchers' figures showing their work in the box, are as follows:

## NEW YORK.

PLAYERS.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	Earned Runs.	Hits.	Totals.	Wild Pitches.	Struck Out.	Bases on Balls.
Keefe .....	4	123	10	2	18	19	0	32	9
Welch .....	2	56	8	2	10	14	1	3	6
Crane .....	2	62	10	3	14	17	3	12	6
Total .....	8	241	28	7	42	50	4	47	21

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King .....	5	137	25	8	34	43	2	11	9
Chamberlain.....	5	210	43	22	64	94	7	14	20
Total .....	10	347	68	30	98	137	9	25	29

In the fielding figures of pitchers the assistances on strikes were mixed up with the fielding assistances which rendered them useless.

The record of the batting and fielding of the two club teams as a whole, is as follows:

CLUB BATTING.

CLUBS.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	Base Hits.	S. B.	Average.
New York .....	10	336	64	95	37	.289
St. Louis .....	10	333	61	73	26	.219

CLUBS.	Games.	P. O.	A.	E.	Total Chances.	Per Cent. Accepted.
New York .....	10	213	174	40	427	.906
St. Louis .....	10	249	157	42	449	.906

THE FINANCIAL RECORD.

The appended figures showing the gate receipts of each day in each city, are as follows:

Where Played.	When Played,	Receipts.
New York City.....	Tuesday, October 16.....	\$2,876 50
	Wednesday, October 17.....	3,375 50
	Thursday, October 18 .....	3,530 00
	Friday, October 19 .....	1,562 00
Brooklyn .....	Saturday, October 20.....	5,624 50
New York City .....	Monday, October 22... ..	1,781 00
Philadelphia.....	Wednesday, October 24.....	2,024 00
St. Louis .....	Thursday, October 25 .....	2,365 00
	Friday, October 26.....	411 00
	Saturday, October 27.....	212 00
Total .....		\$24,362 10
Total expenses .....		8 000 00
Total amount divided .....		16,362 10
Fifty per cent. each amounted to .....		8,181 05

Of the New York's share of the receipts, \$200 was paid to each of their eighteen players, reducing the club's profits by some \$3,600. The general expense account includes traveling expenses and advertising for both clubs. The following table shows the figures for the series between St. Louis and Detroit in 1887:

RECEIPTS.—At St. Louis, \$9,000; Detroit, \$6,750; Pittsburgh, \$2,300; Brooklyn, \$5,800; New York, \$4,100; Philadelphia, \$8,000; Washington, \$800; Boston, \$3,100; Baltimore, \$2,000; Chicago, \$200; total \$42,000. The expenses of the trip was \$18,000, leaving a balance of \$24,000. This was divided evenly, so that St. Louis received \$12,000 and Detroit \$12,000.

The St. Louis papers complimented the visiting New York team highly. In fact, the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* said that no more gentlemanly appearing or behaving set of men belonging to a ball club ever played in St. Louis. Messrs. Von der Ahe and the secretary of his club, Mr. George Munson, did everything in their power for the visiting newspaper men.



THE AMERICAN PENNANT HOLDERS OF  
1886, 1887 AND 1888.

An interesting chapter of American club history is the record made by the four leading clubs of the Association in their games together during the seasons of 1886, 1887 and 1888. In each year the St. Louis Club occupied the leading position at the end of the season, while the other three followed close after the champions. Here is the record of 1886

1886.	St. Louis.	Brooklyn.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Won.
St. Louis .....	13	15	15	43	
Brooklyn.....	7	12	13	32	
Athletic.....	5	7	10	22	
Cincinnati. ....	5	7	10	22	
Lost .....	17	27	37	38	119

It will be seen that while St. Louis led in 1886 Brooklyn stood second, with the Athletics third, and Cincinnati fourth. The record of 1887 is appended:

1887.	Cincinnati.	St. Louis.	Athletic.	Brooklyn.	Won.
Cincinnati.....	12	11	13	36	
St. Louis.....	6	12	16	34	
Athletic.....	9	8	8	25	
Brooklyn.....	4	4	10	18	
Lost.....	19	24	33	37	113

This year, though St. Louis won the pennant, it will be seen that in their games together Cincinnati held the lead, the Athletics being second, the St. Louis third and Brooklyn last, the season being a very hard one for Brooklyn through the drinking habits

of the players, which the management failed to repress. The record for 1888 is as follows:

1888.	Brook- lyn.	St. Louis.	Athl'tc.	Cincin- nati.	Won.
Brooklyn.....	10	12	14	36	
St. Louis.....	10	10	9	29	
Athletic.....	7	8	10	25	
Cincinnati.....	7	6	10	23	
Lost.....	24	24	32	33	113

Last season, it will be seen, that while St. Louis again won the pennant, in their games together Brooklyn took the lead, St. Louis being second, the Athletics third, and Cincinnati last.

### EAST vs. WEST.

#### THE LEAGUE GAMES.

The contests between the four clubs of the East and the four of the West in the League in 1888 ended in favor of the East, as will be seen by the appended record:

#### EAST VS. WEST.

CLUBS.	Chicago.	Detroit.	Pittsburg.	Indianapolis.	Games Won.	Games Played.	Percentage.
Philadelphia.....	10	7	14	13	44	73	.603
New York.....	8	11	10	14	43	73	.589
Boston.....	7	10	10	11	38	75	.507
Washington.....	6	7	9	8	30	76	.359
Games lost.....	31	35	43	46	155	297	

#### WEST VS. EAST.

CLUBS.	Philadelphia.	New York.	Boston.	Washington.	Games Won.	Games Played.	Percentage.
Chicago.....	8	11	12	13	44	76	.587
Detroit.....	11	7	8	11	37	72	.514
Pittsburg.....	6	1	8	10	31	74	.419
Indianapolis.....	4	5	9	12	30	76	.395
Games lost.....	29	30	37	46	142	297	

It will be seen that the four Eastern clubs won 155 victories to 142 by the four Western clubs.



## THE AMERICAN GAMES.

The struggle between the East and the West in the American arena in 1888 resulted as follows:

## EAST VS. WEST.

CLUBS.	St. Louis.	Cincinnati.	Kansas City.	Louisville.	Games Won.	Games Played.	Percentage.
Athletic.....	7	10	14	15	46	74	.622
Brooklyn.....	10	14	11	13	48	80	.600
Baltimore.....	6	6	11	11	34	79	.430
Cleveland.....	4	7	10	9	30	73	.411
Games lost .....	27	37	40	48	158	306	

## WEST VS. EAST.

CLUBS.	Athletic.	Brooklyn.	Baltimore.	Cleveland.	Games Won.	Games Played.	Percentage.
St. Louis.....	10	10	14	16	50	77	.649
Cincinnati.....	10	6	14	10	40	77	.519
Kansas City.....	3	9	8	9	29	75	.387
Louisville.....	5	7	9	8	29	77	.377
Games lost.....	28	32	45	43	148	306	

It will be seen that the East won by 158 to 148.

## PHENOMENAL CONTEST.

The most noteworthy contest of the season in the League championship arena in 1888, was the game played at the Polo Grounds on September 4, between the New York and Philadelphia teams. In this game eleven innings had been completed without either side being able to score a single run when sunset obliged the umpire to call the game on account of darkness. The turnstile count showed that 9,505 people had passed through the gates.

It was a pitchers' contest from start to finish, both Keefe and Sanders doing great work in the curving line. But ten base hits were made in the eleven innings, six against Sanders and but four

against Keefe. O'Rourke, Richardson and Andrews led the little batting that was done.

The fielding play was of a phenomenal order, brilliant stops, catches and throws occurring in every inning, and being loudly applauded.

The Philadelphians all but had the game in the tenth inning, but over anxiety lost them the chance. Farrar was on third and might have scored on Mulvey's fly to Slattery. He left the base, however, before the ball was caught, and was promptly declared out. The score was:

NEW YORK.

	T.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.
Slattery, c. f.....	5	0	0	1	1	0
Ewing, c.....	5	0	0	8	3	0
Tiernan, r. f.....	5	0	0	1	0	0
Connor, 1 b.....	3	0	0	15	0	0
Ward, s. s.....	4	0	0	2	3	1
Richardson, 2 b.....	4	0	2	3	2	0
Whitney, 3 b.....	3	0	1	1	5	1
O'Rourke, l. f.....	4	0	2	1	1	0
Keefe, p.....	4	0	1	1	10	0
Totals .....	37	0	6	33	25	2

PHILADELPHIA.

	T.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.
Andrew, 3 cf.....	5	0	2	1	0	0
Fogarty, rf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Farrar, 1b.....	4	0	0	12	1	0
Delehanty, lf.....	4	0	0	2	0	0
Mulvey, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	2	0
Sanders, p.....	4	0	0	1	7	0
Schriner, c.....	4	0	1	9	1	0
Irwin, ss.....	4	0	0	5	4	0
Bastian, 1b.....	3	0	0	2	3	0
Totals .....	36	0	4	33	18	0

Philadelphia.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0  
 New York.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Two-base hit—O'Rourke. Double plays—Keefe and Connor, Farrar and Sanders. First base on balls—Connor, Whitney, Bastain. First base on errors—Philadelphia, 1. Struck out—Tiernan, Whitney, Keefe, 2; Andrews, Fogarty, 2; Delehanty, Mulvey, Sanders, Schriner, Irwin. Wild pitches—Keefe, 2; Sanders, 1. Time—Two hours. Umpire—Kelly.

REMARKABLE EVENTS.

LONGEST GAME.—Played at Boston May 11, 1877, between the Harvard College nine and the Manchester professional team, twenty-four innings, score 0 to 0.

**BEST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.**—Played August 17, 1882, at Providence, between the Providence and Detroit teams, eighteen innings, score 1 to 0—*seventeen innings without a run!*

**NEXT BEST LEAGUE CLUB GAME.**—Played at St. Louis on May 1, 1877, between the St. Louis team and the Syracuse Stars, fifteen innings, score 0 to 0—a drawn match.

**BEST INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GAME.**—Played May 7, 1878, at Lynn, Mass., between the Live Oak team of Lynn, and the Crickets of Binghamton, fifteen innings, score 1 to 0.

**BEST JUNIOR GAME.**—Played at Hoboken, August 19, 1878, fifteen innings, score 1 to 0.

**SHORTEST GAME.**—Excelsior vs. Field in Brooklyn on Excelsior's grounds, in May, 1861—50 minutes, 9 innings.

**LONGEST THROW.**—By John Hatfield, made at Union Grounds, Brooklyn, Oct. 15, 1872. Distance 133 yards, 1 foot, 7 inches—over 400 feet.

**GREATEST SCORE.**—In match between the Niagara Club, of Buffalo, and a visiting nine at Buffalo in 1864, score 202 to 26.

## THE THROWING CONTESTS RECORDS.

The longest throw of a baseball on record up to 1872 was that made in 1868 by John Hatfield, then a member of the Cincinnati team, he then throwing a ball 132 yards. In October, 1872, a throwing contest took place on the old Union ball grounds, Brooklyn, in which John Hatfield—then of the Mutuals—threw the ball 133 yds, 1 ft. 7½ in., the distance being officially measured. The contest was also participated in by Andy Leonard, whose record was 119 yds. 1 ft. 10 in.; George Wright, 117 yds. 1 ft. 1 in.; Billy Boyd, 115 yds. 1 ft. 7 in.; Fisler, 112 yds. 6 in., and Anson, 110 yds. 6 in. This throw of Hatfield's—over 400 ft.—has never been equaled in any regular throwing contest.

On September 9, 1882, a throwing match took place on the Chicago ball grounds between E. Williamson of the Chicago Club and Pfeffer of the Troys. Three trials were had and Pfeffer's best throw was 132 yards and 5 inches. Williamson's best throw was 132 yards, 1 foot, or four feet seven and one half inches short of Hatfield's champion throw.

In 1884, while connected with the Boston Union Association Club, Ed Crane, while in Cincinnati October 12 of that year, was credited with throwing a baseball 135 yards, 1 foot, and ½ inch, and also again at St. Louis on October 19, he was credited with throwing a ball 134 yards, 5 inches. But the circumstances attendant upon both trials were not such as to warrant an official record, so the *Clipper* says, through its editor for 1888, Mr. A. H.

Wright, in his answer to a query on the subject. At any rate, Crane has not since reached such figures, and he is as swift a thrower now as ever.

The throwing contest which took place at Cincinnati in 1888, at intervals through the summer and fall, failed to result in the record being beaten, though some very good long distance throwing was done, as will be seen by the appended record:

Rank	PLAYERS.	CLUB.	Distance Thrown.
1	Williamson.....	Chicago.....	399 feet 11 inches.
2	Griffin.....	Baltimore.....	372 " 8 "
3	Stovey.....	Athletic.....	379 " 2 "
4	Vaughn.....	Louisville.....	366 " 9 "
5	Burns.....	Brooklyn.....	364 " 6 "
6	O'Brien.....	Brooklyn.....	361 " 5 "
7	Collins.....	Brooklyn.....	354 " 6 "
8	Tebeau.....	Cincinnati.....	353 " 0 "
9	Gilks.....	Cleveland.....	343 " 11 "
10	Reilly.....	Cincinnati.....	341 " 6 "
11	Brennan.....	Kansas City.....	339 " 6 "
12	Stricker.....	Cleveland.....	337 " 8 "
13	Foutz.....	Brooklyn.....	335 " 4 "
14	Davis.....	Kansas City.....	333 " 6 "
15	O'Connor.....	Cincinnati.....	330 " 0 "
16	McTamany.....	Kansas City.....	327 " 6 "

When Williamson threw, the grounds were slippery, but he managed to easily win the \$100 prize money and diamond locket. One hundred and thirty-three yards eight inches, was the distance Williamson threw, and he would have done still better and beaten Hatfield's throw, had the conditions been more favorable.

The best throw of a cricket ball on record is that of W. F. Forbes, of Eton College, England, in March, 1876, the distance being 132 yards.

The longest throw of a lacrosse ball is that made by W. B. Kenny, at Melbourne, Australia, in September, 1886, the ball being thrown from his lacrosse stick 446 feet. The longest in America was that of Ross McKenzie, in Montreal, on October, 1882, he throwing the ball 422 feet.

THE TRIP TO ENGLAND IN 1874.

Mr. Spalding made an effort to introduce base ball in England in 1874, but the experiment proved to be a costly one financially, and it did not result favorably in popularizing the American game in England. The two teams who visited England in July, 1874, included the following players of the Boston and Athletic clubs of that year:

BOSTON.	POSITIONS.	ATHLETIC.
James White .....	Catcher.....	James E. Clapp.
A. G. Spalding.....	Pitcher.....	James D. McBride.
James O'Rourke.....	First Base.....	West D. Fisler.
Ross C. Barnes.....	Second Base.....	Joseph Battin.
Henry Shafer.....	Third Base.....	Edward B. Sutton.
George Wright.....	Short Stop....	M. H. McGeary.
And. J. Leonard.....	Left Field.....	Albert W. Gedney.
Harry Wright.....	Center Field.....	James F. McMullen.
Col. C. McVey.....	Right Field.....	A. C. Anson.
George W. Hall.....	Substitute.....	Al. J. Reach.
Thomas L. Beals.....	Substitute.....	J. P. Sensenderfer.
Sam Wright, Jr.....	Substitute.....	Thomas Murnan.

The record of the games played in England on the trip is as follows :

DATE.	CONTESTING CLUBS.	CITIES.	PITCHERS.	Scores.
July 30	Athletic vs. Boston ...	Liverpool	McBride, Spalding join.	14-11
" 31	Boston vs. Athletic...	" "	Spalding, McBride....	23-18
Aug. 1	Athletic vs. Boston ...	Manchester	McBride, Spalding....	13-12
" 3	Boston vs. Athletic...	London	Spalding, McBride....	24-7
" 6	" " " "	" "	Spalding, McMullen...	14-11
" 8	Athletic vs. Boston....	Richmond	McBride, Spalding....	11-3
" 10	Boston vs. Athletic....	Crystal Pal.	Spalding, McBride....	17-8
" 11	Athletic vs. Boston....	" "	McBride, Spalding....	19-8
" 13	Boston vs. Athletic....	Kensington	Spalding, McBride....	16-6
" 14	Spalding's Ninevs.McMullen's Nine.....	"	Spalding, McMullen...	14-11
" 15	Boston vs. Athletic....	Sheffield	" "	19-8
" 17	" " " "	" "	" "	18-17
" 20	Athletic vs. Boston....	Manchester	McBride, Spalding....	7-2
" 24	Boston vs. Athletic....	Dublin	Spalding, McBride....	12-7
" 25	Athletic vs. Boston....	"	McMullen, H. Wright.	15-4

Boston victories 8, Athletic victories 6.

In the percentage of base hits of those who played in a majority of the games on the Boston side McVey led with .435, Leonard being second, with .418, and George Hall third, with .364, Barnes, O'Rourke, Schafer, Harry and George Wright and Spalding following in order. On the Athletic side Anson led with .437, McGeary being second, with .388, and McMullen third, with .367. McBride, Clapp, Murnam, Sutter, Gedner and Battin following in order, the latter having a percentage of .323. SENDERFER



only played in 9 games, Kent in 8, Fiser in 5, and Beals in 4. All the others played in 10 games and over.

In the description of the players of the team given in the London papers at the time of their visit the following paragraph appeared, quoted from Mr. Chadwick's comments in the *Clipper*:

"Spalding is justly regarded as one of the most successful of the strategic class of pitchers. In judgment, command of the ball, pluck, endurance, and nerve, in his position he has no superior; while his education and gentlemanly qualities place him above the generality of base-ball pitchers. As a batsman he now equals the best of what are called 'scientific' batsmen—men who use their heads more than their muscle in handling the ash. His force in delivery is the success with which he disguises a change of pace from swift to medium, a great essential in successful pitching. Spalding is a thorough representative of the spirited young men of the Western States, he being from Illinois."

Of George Wright the same writer said: "George Wright is generally regarded as a model base-ball player, especially in his responsible position of short-stop; and until he injured his leg he had no equal in the position. He is a jolly, good-natured youth, full of life and spirit, up to all the dodges of the game, and especially is he noted for his sure catching of high balls in the infield, and for his swift and accurate throwing. At the bat, too, he excels; while as a bowler, fielder, and batsman, in cricket, he ranks with the best of American cricketers. He comes of real old English stock, his father being a veteran English cricketer, and formerly the professional of the St. George Cricket Club of New York."

Besides the base-ball matches played during the tour, the following table shows what the two clubs combined did on the cricket field, against the strongest players of London, Sheffield, Manchester and Dublin. The sides in each contest were eighteen Americans against twelve British cricketers:

AMERICANS VS.	AMERICANS.			OPPONENTS.		
	1st.	2d.	Total.	1st.	2d.	Total.
Aug. 3, 4....12 Marylebone Club on Ground at Lords.....	107	.....	107	105	.....	105
Aug. 6, 7....11 Prince's C. C. at Prince's.....	110	.....	110	21	39	60
Aug. 8....13 Richmond C at Richmond*.....	45	.....	45	108	.....	108
Aug. 13, 14 11....Surrey C. S. at Ovalt †.....	100	111	211	27	2	29
Aug. 15, 17....12 Sheffield, at Shef- field.....	130	.....	130	43	45	88
Aug. 20, 21....11 Manchester, at Manchester.....	121	100	221	42	53	95
Aug. 24, 25....11 All Ireland, at Dublin.....	71	94	165	47	32	79
Totals.....	684	305	989	393	171	564

\* Unfinished innings, only six wickets down.

† Second innings unfinished, only four wickets down.

The ball players did not lose a single game, and had the best of it in the games which were drawn from not having time to put them out. The trip cost the two clubs over \$2,000, exclusive of the amount received at the gate. In fact, the Britishers did not take to the game kindly at all.

To show what the All England eleven could do in the way of playing base ball, the score of a game played in Boston in October, 1868, after the All England eleven had played their cricket match there, is given below:

American Nine . . . . .	3	2	0	0	1	6	3	5	0=20
English Cricketers' Nine . . . . .	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0= 4

George Wright pitched for the cricketers, the nine including Smith c; Tarrant 1b; Peeley 2b; Shaw 3b; Humphrey ss; Jupp lf; Clarkwood cf, and Rowbotham rf.

The American nine was a weak picked nine, including O'Brien—a Boston cricketer—and Archy Buch, of Harvard, as the battery; Shaw, Barrows and Lowell on the bases; Pratt as short stop, and Smith Rogers and Conant in the out field.

In all the base-ball games in which the English professional cricketers took part during their visits to America from 1859 to 1880, they failed to begin to equal in their ball play the work done by the ball players in cricket in England.

## THE GREAT BASE BALL TRIP AROUND THE WORLD IN 1888-'89.

The greatest historical event recorded in the annals of the national game was undoubtedly the journey to Australia, which began in November, 1888, and ended in March, 1889, on a trip around the world. While in 1874 Mr. A. G. Spalding was the *avant courier* of the visiting party of base ball players to England, and also one of the most prominent of the victorious team's players; in 1888 Mr. Spalding was the originator of the trip, the master spirit of the remarkable enterprise, and the leader of the band of base ball missionaries to the antipodes. Of course, in recording the Australian trip in the GUIDE for 1889, only a cursory glance can be taken of the trip, as it would require a volume of itself to do the tour justice. Suffice it to say that the pluck, energy and business enterprise which characterized the unequalled event reflected the highest credit not only on Mr. Albert G. Spalding, as the representative spirit of Western business men, but also on the American name in every respect, and it did for the extension of the popularity of our national game in six short months what



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CHICAGO TEAM.

as many years of effort under ordinary circumstances would have failed to do.

The party of tourists which started on their journey to Australia on October 20, 1888, met with an enthusiastic welcome on their route to San Francisco, and in that city they were given a reception on their arrival and a send-off on their departure for Australia, unequaled in the history of the game on the Pacific coast. The record of the series of games played by the two teams—Chicago and All America—en route to San Francisco and while in that city, is appended:

DATE	CLUBS.	CITIES.	PITCHERS.	Score.
Oct. 20	Chicago vs. America.	Chicago .....	Spalding, Hutchinson	11-6
" 21	" " "	St. Paul.....	Baldwin, Healy.....	8-5
" 22	" " "	Minneapolis..	Baldwin, Duryea.....	1-0
" 22	America vs. Chicago.	" ..	Van Haltren, Tener...	6-3
" 23	Chicago vs. America.	Cedar Rapids.	Tener, Hutchinson...	6-5
" 24	America vs. Chicago.	Des Moines...	Hutchinson, Baldwin...	3-2
" 25	" " "	Omaha .....	Healy, Ryan.....	12-2
" 26	Chicago vs. America.	Hastings .....	Baldwin, Van Haltren	8-4
" 27	" " "	Denver.....	Tener, Healy.....	16-2
" 28	America vs. Chicago	" .....	Crane, Baldwin.....	9-8
" 29	Chicago vs. America.	Colorado Spr's	Ryan, Healy.....	3-9
" 31	America vs. Chicago.	alt Lake City	Crane, Tener.....	19-3
Nov. 1	" " "	" " "	Healy, Baldwin.....	10-3
" 4	" " "	San Francisco	" " .....	4-4
" 11	" " "	" " "	Van Haltren, Tener...	9-6
" 14	Chicago vs. America.	Los Angeles..	Baldwin, Healy.....	5-0
" 15	America vs. Chicago.	" " ..	Crane, Tener.....	7-4

The teams, when they left San Francisco on November 18, 1888, included the following players:

## CHICAGO TEAM.

A. C. Anson, Capt. and 1st baseman.  
 N. F. Pfeiffer, 2d baseman.  
 Thos. Burns, 3d baseman.  
 E. N. Williamson, short stop.  
 M. Sullivan, left fielder.  
 Jas. Ryan, center fielder.  
 R. Pettitt, right fielder.  
 Thos. P. Doherty, catcher.  
 J. K. Tener, {  
 M. Baldwin, {pitchers.

## ALL AMERICA TEAM.

J. M. Ward, Capt. and short stop.  
 G. A. Wood, 1st baseman.  
 H. C. Long, 2d baseman.  
 H. Manning, 3d baseman.  
 J. Fogarty, left fielder.  
 E. Hanlon, center fielder.  
 J. C. Earl, right fielder.  
 F. H. Carroll, catcher.  
 John Healy, {  
 F. N. Crane, {pitchers.

Earl also acted as change catcher. The All America team included players from the League clubs of New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Pittsburg and Indianapolis, and from the American Association clubs of Cincinnati and Kansas City. Mr. Spalding stood at the head of the tourist party, with Mr. Leigh S. Lynch as his business manager, and H. H. Simpson as assistant, Mr. J. K. Tener being the treasurer and cashier.



The record of the games played by the two teams with outside clubs en route to San Francisco and in California is as follows :

DATE.	CLUBS	CITIES.	PITCHERS.	Score.
Oct. 21	St. Paul vs. Chicago.	St. Paul .....	Duryea, Tener.....	8-5
Nov. 6	Haverly vs. America.	San Francisco	Anderson, Crane .	12-5
" 8	Chicago vs. Stockton.	Stockton.....	Tener, Harper.....	2-2
" 8	Pioneer vs. America.	San Francisco	Purcell, Healy....	9-4
" 9	America vs. Stockton	Stockton.....	Crane, Baker.....	16-1
" 10	Chicago vs. Haverly.	San Francisco	Baldwin Inal. ...	6-1

While en route to Australia the tourists stopped at Honolulu, where they were given a public reception, by King Kalakaua, but their first game played after they had left California was at Auckland, where they first realized what a cordial reception the Australians had prepared for them. On their arrival at Sydney, and afterward at Melbourne, the hearty welcome accorded them, not only as ball players but as representatives of the great Western Republic, was such as to surpass all their anticipations, the heartiness of the greeting, the boundless hospitality and the crowded attendance at their games imparting to their visit a brilliancy of success which fully remunerated Mr. Spalding for all the pecuniary risks he had incurred by the trip. It was originally intended to have made the tour of the colonies a more extended one than was afterward found possible, and so the sojourn of the players on the Australian continent ended sooner than anticipated, only four cities being visited, instead of eight or ten, as laid out. The record of the games played in Australia is as follows :

DATE.	CLUBS.	CITIES.	PITCHERS.	Score
Dec. 10	Chicago vs. America...	Auckland.....	Baldwin, Crane....	22-13
" 15	America vs. Chicago...	Sydney .....	Healy, Tener.....	5-4
" 17	" " " .....	" .....	Healy, Baldwin....	7-5
" 18	" " " .....	" .....	Healy, Tener.....	6-3
" 22	Chicago vs. America...	Melbourne.....	Tener, Crane.....	5-3
" 24	America vs. Chicago...	" .....	Healy, Ryan.....	10-13
" 26	" " " .....	Adelaide. ....	Healy, Tener.....	19-14
" 27	Chicago vs. America. ..	" .....	Baldwin, Healy....	12-9
" 28	" " " .....	" .....	Ryan, Simpson....	11-4
Dec. 29	America vs. Chicago...	Ballarat. ....	Healy, Baldwin....	11-7
Jan. 1	Chicago vs. America...	Melbourne.....	Tener, Healy.....	14-7
" 1	" " " .....	" .....	Baldwin, Crane ...	9-4
" 5	" " " .....	" .....	Baldwin, Crane ...	5-0
" 26	America vs. Chicago....	Colombo .....	Crane, Baldwin ...	3-3

After leaving Australia the tourists called at Colombo, Ceylon, and from thence went to Cairo, and while in that city visited the Pyramids, and they managed to get off a game on the sands in

front of the Pyramid Cheops on Feb. 9. Their first game in Europe was played at Naples on Feb. 19, and from there they went to Rome, Florence and Nice, the teams reaching Paris on March 3. The record of their games in Europe is as follows:

DATE.	CLUBS.	CITIES.	PITCHERS.	Score.
Feb. 9	America vs. Chicago....	Ghiz eh .....	Healy, Tener .....	9- 8
" 19	" " .....	Naples.....	Healy, Baldwin.....	8- 2
" 23	Chicago vs. America ..	Rome.....	Tener, Crane .....	3- 2
" 25	America vs. Chicago ..	Florence ....	Healy, Baldwin....	7- 4
March 3	.....	Paris.....	.....	.....

In commenting on the physique of the American ball players, the editor of the Melbourne *Argus* says:

"Right worthy of welcome did those visitors appear—stalwarts every man, lumps of muscle showing beneath their tight fitting jersey garments, and a springiness in every movement which denoted grand animal vigor and the perfection of condition. We could not pick eighteen such men from the ranks of all our cricketers, and it is doubtful if we could beat them by a draft from the foot ballers. If base ball has anything to do with building up such physique we ought to encourage it, for it must evidently be above and beyond all other exercises in one at least of the essentials of true athletics."

The Melbourne *Sporteman* in its report of the inaugural game in that city, said: "The best evidence offered that Melbournites were pleased and interested in the exhibition lies in the fact that the crowd of nearly ten thousand people remained through not only nine but twelve innings of play, and then many of them stayed to see a four inning game between the Chicago team and a nine composed mainly of our local cricket players, who made a very creditable show, considering the strength of the team they were playing against, and the fact that they were almost utter strangers to base ball. Not only did the spectators remain upon the ground but they heartily applauded the heavy batting, the base running and base sliding and the brilliant fielding executed by our Yankee visitors. Perhaps the truest realization of just how difficult it is to play a finished game of base ball was obtained by the cricketers who went in against the Chicagos. A man may be able to guard a wicket with a degree of skill that would win him wide fame in cricket circles, but when it comes to standing beside the home plate of a base ball diamond, and mastering the terrific delivery of an American professional pitcher, the average cricketer is compelled to acknowledge the wide difference existing between the two positions. Then again, the quick handling of a batted or thrown ball, that it may be returned with all accuracy and light-

ning like rapidity to the waiting basemen, are points which our cricketers are deficient in, when compared with the American professional ball player. It can be seen at a glance that the game is prolific of opportunities for quick and brilliant fielding."

The following is the score of the first match at cricket played by the base ball tourists with Australian cricketers in Sydney on December 18, 1888 :

BASE BALL EIGHTEEN.

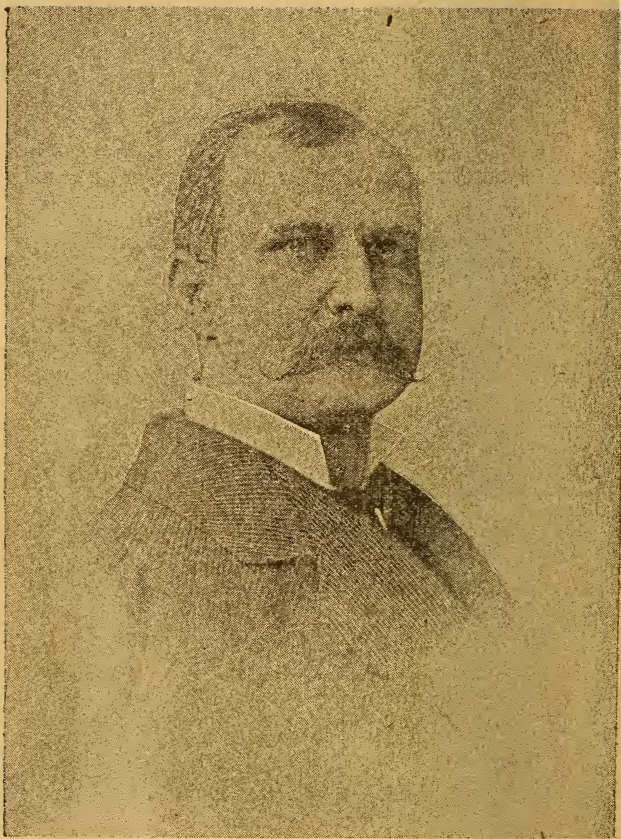
Anson, b. Charlton.....	15	Burns, b. Charlton.....	10
Williamson, c. Woolcott, b. Charlton	0	Hanlon, hit wicket, b. Gregory...	2
Ward, b. Charlton.....	1	Manning, c. Woolcott, b. Gregory	14
Spalding, b. Charlton .....	0	Pettit, b. Gregory.....	3
Wright, b. Gregory.....	11	Ryan, c. Robinson, b. Gregory...	3
Pfeffer, b. Gregory.....	16	Sullivan, c. Halligan, b. Gregory.	0
Wood, b. Gregory.....	0	Baldwin, not out.....	0
Carroll, c. Robinson, b. Gregory....	0	Sundries.....	5
Earle, st. Crane, b. Gregory .....	0		
Fogarty, b. Charlton.....	0	Total.....	81

SYDNEY ELEVEN.

Robinson, l. b. w., b. Earle .....	1	A. Gregory, c. Burns, b. Wright.	35
Halligan, c. Burns, b. Anson .....	21	Hemsley, not out.....	18
Kidman, c. Pfeffer, b. Anson.....	19	Sundries .....	3
Woolcott, c. and b. Anson .....	4		
Crane, c. Williamson b. Earle.....	14	Total for six wickets .....	115

We are compelled to omit the National Agreement for want of space. It will be given in the Official League Book.





**A. G. MILLS.**

Mr. A. G. Mills was connected with the Chicago Club at the organization of the National League, and he participated in the legislative work of the League from 1876 to 1885 when he resigned his position as President, to which position he was unanimously elected on the death of President Hulbert. To his efficient services as President and one of the Board of Directors is the success of the League after the death of its founder largely due. He was the originator of the National Agreement which has so firmly bound together the National League and the American Association. Since he resigned his position as President of the League in 1885, he has been practically out of Base Ball, although he still takes a deep interest in the game. He was succeeded by the worthy President, Mr. N. E. Young.



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# NATIONAL PLAYING RULES

—OF—

## Professional Base Ball Clubs

AS ADOPTED JOINTLY BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, AND GOVERNING ALL CLUBS PARTIES TO THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

1889.

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### THE BALL GROUND.

RULE 1. The Ground must be an enclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. The Infield must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

### THE BASES.

RULE 3. The Bases must be

SEC. 1. Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

SEC. 2. The Home Base must be of whitened rubber twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in the corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

SEC. 3. The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of the second base shall be upon its corner of the infield, and the center of the first and third bases shall be on the lines running to and from second base and seven and one-half inches from the foul lines, providing that each base shall be entirely within the foul lines.

SEC. 4. All the bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

### THE FOUL LINES.

RULE 4. The Foul Lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base, along the outer edge of the First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

## THE POSITION LINES.

RULE 5. The Pitcher's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, five and one-half feet long by four feet wide, distant fifty feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the five and one-half feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone six inches square, fixed in the ground even with the surface.

RULE 6. The Catcher's Lines must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the Ground back of Home Base.

RULE 7. The Captain's or Coacher's Lines must be a line fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines, said lines commencing at a line parallel with and seventy-five feet distant from the catcher's lines, and running thence to the limits of the grounds.

RULE 8. The Players' Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the Ground, fifty feet distant from and parallel with, the foul lines.

RULE 9. The Batsman's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by four feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant six inches from the Home Base.

RULE 10. The Three Feet Lines must be drawn as follows: From a point on the Foul Line from Home Base to First Base, and equally distant from such bases, shall be drawn a line on Foul Ground, at a right angle to said Foul Line, and to a point three feet distant from it; thence running parallel with said Foul Line, to a point three feet distant from the First Base; thence in a straight line to the Foul Line, and thence upon the Foul Line to point of beginning.

RULE 11. The lines designated in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Player's Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

## THE BALL.

RULE 12. The Ball.

SEC. 1. Must not weigh less than five or more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than



nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the Home Club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted over the fence or stands, on to foul ground out of sight of the players, the other ball shall be immediately put into play by the Umpire. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost, a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire may at all times, after the game begins, have two for use. The moment the Umpire delivers the alternate ball to the catcher or pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight on to foul ground.

SEC. 3. In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play becomes the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the Association, inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the Umpire in the presence of the captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be—in the opinion of the Umpire—unfit for fair use, the Umpire, on being appealed to by either captain, shall at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new one.

#### THE BAT.

##### RULE 13. The Bat.

SEC. 1. Must be made wholly of wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

SEC. 2. It must be round, except that a portion of the surface may be flat on one side, but it must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

#### THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 14. The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 15. The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5. When in position on the field, all players will be designated "Fielders" in these rules.

RULE 16. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

RULE 17. Every Club shall be required to adopt uniforms for its players, and each player shall be required to present himself upon the field during said game in a neat and cleanly condition, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

#### THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

RULE 18. The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, one foot on the rear line of the "box." He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball, nor make more than one step in such delivery. He shall hold the ball, before the delivery, fairly in front of his body, and in sight of the Umpire. When the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

#### THE BATSMEN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

RULE 19. The batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 9, in the order in which they are named on *the score*, which must contain the batting order of both nines, and be submitted by the Captains of the opposing teams to the Umpire before the game, and when approved by him THIS SCORE must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 20. SEC. 1. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to and seat themselves upon the players' bench and remain there until the side is put out, except when batsman or base runner. All bats not in use must be kept in the bat racks, and the two players next succeeding the batsman, in the order in which they are named on the score, must be ready with bat in hand to promptly take position as batsman; provided, that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the players' lines and the Captain's lines to coach base runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side at bat, except when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 6. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the

hands of, or passing between, the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or of any Fielder attempting to catch or field it.

#### PLAYERS' BENCHES.

RULE 21. The Players' Benches must be furnished by the home club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside the Players' Lines. They must be twelve feet in length, and must be immovably fastened to the ground. At the end of each bench must be immovably fixed a bat rack, with fixtures for holding twenty bats; one such rack must be designated for the exclusive use of the Visiting Club, and the other for the exclusive use of the Home Club.

#### THE GAME.

RULE 22 SEC. 1. Every Championship Game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that,

(a) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b) If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate, upon the return of the ball to the pitcher.

#### A TIE GAME.

RULE 23. If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings, or until the other side shall score one or more runs than the side first at bat.

#### A DRAWN GAME.

RULE 24. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

#### A CALLED GAME.

RULE 25. If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed

by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, unless the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

#### A FORFEITED GAME.

**RULE 26.** A Forfeited Game shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases :

**SEC. 1.** If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

**SEC. 2.** If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

**SEC. 3.** If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

**SEC. 4.** If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these rules is willfully violated.

**SEC. 5.** If, after ordering the removal of a player, as authorized by Rule 57, Sec. 5, said order is not obeyed within five minutes.

**SEC. 6.** In case the Umpire declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association within twenty-four hours thereafter.

#### NO GAME.

**RULE 27.** "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

#### SUBSTITUTES.

**RULE 28. SEC. 1.** In every championship game each team shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, at least one or more substitute players.

**SEC. 2.** One player, whose name shall be printed on the score card as an extra player, may be substituted at the end of any completed innings by either club, but the player retired shall not thereafter participate in the game. In addition thereto a substitute may be allowed at any time in place of a player disabled in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury, of the nature and extent of which the Umpire shall be the sole judge.

**SEC. 3.** The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him, except by consent of the Captains of the contesting teams.

## CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

**RULE 29.** The choice of innings shall be given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain.

## THE DELIVERY OF THE BALL—FAIR AND UNFAIR BALLS.

**RULE 30.** A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher while standing wholly within the lines of his position, and facing the batsman, the ball, so delivered to pass over the home base, not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder.

**RULE 31.** An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base above the batsman's shoulder, or below the knee.

## BALKING.

**RULE 32.** A Balk is

**SEC. 1.** Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, and shall be held to include any and every accustomed motion with the hands, arms or feet, or position of the body assumed by the Pitcher in his delivery of the ball, and any motion calculated to deceive a base runner, except the ball be accidentally dropped.

**SEC. 2.** The holding of the ball by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily ; or

**SEC. 3.** Any motion to deliver the ball, or the delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside of the lines of his position, including all preliminary motions with the hands, arms and feet.

## DEAD BALLS.

**RULE 33.** A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches the Batsman's bat without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at ; or any part of the Umpire's person or clothing, while on foul ground, without first passing the Catcher.

**RULE 34.** In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught out, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

## BLOCK BALLS.

**RULE 35. SEC. 1.** A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.



SEC. 2. Whenever a Block occurs the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases, without being put out, until the ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders, the Umpire should call "Time," and require each base runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the Pitcher standing in his position.

#### THE SCORING OF RUNS.

RULE 36. One Run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

#### THE BATTING RULES.

RULE 37. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, any part of the person of a player, Umpire, or any other object that is in front of or on either of the Foul Lines, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player.

RULE 38. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, any part of the person of a player, or any other object that is behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player. Provided, that a Foul Hit not rising above the Batsman's head and caught by the Catcher playing within ten feet of the Home Base, shall be termed a Foul Tip.

#### BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

RULE 39. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 37 and 38 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 40. A Fair batted ball that goes over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and ten feet from Home Base shall

entitle the Batsman to two bases and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

## STRIKES.

RULE 41. A Strike is

SEC. 1. A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or

SEC. 2. A Fair Ball, legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.

SEC. 3. Any obvious attempt to make a foul hit.

RULE 42. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

## THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

RULE 43. The Batsman is out:

SEC. 1. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made, and in such case the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time at bat of the proper Batsman: *Provided*, this rule shall not take effect unless *the out* is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding Batsman.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a Foul Hit, other than a Foul Tip as defined in Rule 38 and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a Foul Strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

SEC. 6. If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while making the third strike, the ball hits his person or clothing.

SEC. 8. If, after two strikes have been called, the Batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Section 3. Rule 41.

## BASE RUNNING RULES.

## WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE RUNNER.

RULE 44. The Batsman becomes a Base Runner:

SEC. 1. Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four Balls have been called by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

SEC. 4. If, while he be a Batsman, his person or clothing be hit by a ball from the pitcher, unless—in the opinion of the Umpire—he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the pitcher.

#### BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

RULE 45. The Base Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz.: First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

#### ENTITLED TO BASES.

RULE 46. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base in the following cases:

SEC. 1. If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called four Balls.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 44, Sec. 5—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire calls a "balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch the Umpire or any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

SEC. 5. If upon a fair hit the Ball strikes the person or clothing of the Umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

SEC. 7. If the Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

#### RETURNING TO BASES.

RULE 47. The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out.

SEC. 1. If the Umpire declares a Foul Tip (as defined in Rule 38) or any other Foul Hit not legally caught by a Fielder.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also

the fourth Unfair Ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 46, Sec. 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the Umpire is struck by a ball thrown by the Catcher to intercept a Base Runner.

WHEN BASE RUNNERS ARE OUT.

RULE 48. The Base Runner is out :

SEC. 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him, while batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground. *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 5. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, before such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, he runs outside the Three Feet Lines, as defined in Rule 10; except that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

SEC. 7. If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in Sections 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball: *Provided*, That if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the bene-

fit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other Fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy: *Provided*, The ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; but (exception as to First Base), in running to First Base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 10. If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball, other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 38, is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught. *Provided*, That the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner, the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base Runner is put out.

SEC. 12. If a Fair Hit ball strike him *before touching the fielder* and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a Base Runner, and no run shall be scored.

SEC. 13. If when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 45, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base.

SEC. 14. If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base.



## WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

RULE 49. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 48, Sections 10 and 14.

## COACHING RULES.

RULE 50. The Captains and Coachers are restricted in coaching to the Base Runner only, and are not allowed to address any remarks except to the Base Runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and no player shall use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, or the audience. To enforce the above, the Captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offence, and upon a repetition of the same the club shall be debarred from further coaching during the game.

## THE UMPIRE.

RULE 51. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a game, except for reasons of illness or injury.

## HIS POWERS AND JURISDICTION.

RULE 52. SEC. 1. The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

SEC. 2. He must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as he may deem necessary, to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions.

## SPECIAL DUTIES.

RULE 53. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows:

SEC. 1. The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person be allowed to question the correctness of any decision made by him except the Captains of the contending nines, and no other player shall at such time leave his position in the field, his place at the bat, on the bases or players' bench, to approach or address the Umpire in word or act upon such disputed decision. Neither shall any Manager or other officers of either club—except the Captains as before mentioned—be permitted to go upon the field or address the Umpire in regard to such disputed decision, under a penalty of a forfeiture

of the game to the opposing club. The Umpire shall in no case appeal to any spectator for information in regard to any case, and shall not reverse his decision on any point of play on the testimony of any player or bystander.

SEC. 2. Before the commencement of a Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

SEC. 3. The Umpire must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the the third man is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

SEC. 4. The Umpire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "dead ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "ball," and he shall also count and call every "strike."\*Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the home base. He shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk."

RULE 54. For the special benefit of the patrons of the game, and because the offences specified are under his immediate jurisdiction, and not subject to appeal by players, the attention of the Umpire is particularly directed to possible violations of the purpose and spirit of the Rules of the following character:

SEC. 1. Laziness or loafing of players in taking their places in the field, or those allotted them by the Rules when their side is at the bat, and especially any failure to keep the bats in the racks provided for them; to be ready (two men) to take position as Batsmen, and to remain upon the Players' Bench, except when otherwise required by the Rules.

SEC. 2. Any attempt by players of the side at bat, by calling to a Fielder, other than the one designated by his Captain, to field a ball, or by any other equally disreputable means seeking to disconcert a Fielder.

SEC. 3. The Rules make a marked distinction between hindrance of an adversary in fielding a batted or thrown ball. This has been done to rid the game of the childish excuses and claims formerly made by a Fielder failing to hold a ball to put out a Base

Runner. But there may be cases of a Base Runner so flagrantly violating the spirit of the Rules and of the Game in obstructing a Fielder from fielding a thrown ball that it would become the duty of the Umpire, not only to declare the Base Runner "out" (and to compel any succeeding Base Runners to hold their bases), but also to impose a heavy fine upon him. For example: If the Base Runner plainly strike at the ball while passing him, to prevent its being caught by a Fielder; if he holds a Fielder's arms so as to disable him from catching the ball, or if he run against or knock the Fielder down for the same purpose.

#### CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

**RULE 55.** The Umpire must call "Play," promptly at the hour designated by the Home Club, and on the call of "Play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a Fielder, "Time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to, and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.

**RULE 56.** The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, a "Block," as referred to in Rule 35, Sec. 3, or in case of rain, as defined by the Rules. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a discussion with the Umpire, is a gross violation of the Rules, and the Umpire must promptly fine any player who interrupts the game in this manner.

#### INFLECTING FINES.

**RULE 57.** The Umpire is empowered to inflict fines of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 for the first offence on players during the progress of a game, as follows:

**SEC 1.** For indecent or improper language addressed to the audience, the Umpire or any player.

**SEC. 2.** For the Captain or Coacher willfully failing to remain within the legal bounds of his position, except upon an appeal by the Captain from the Umpire's decision upon a misinterpretation of the rules.

**SEC. 3.** For the disobedience by a player of any other of his orders, or for any other violation of these Rules.

SEC. 4. In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, he shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side, and shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association or League within twenty-four hours thereafter, under the penalty of having said fine taken from his own salary.

SEC. 5. A repetition of any of the above offences shall, at the discretion of the Umpire, subject the offender either to a repetition of the fine or to removal from the field and the immediate substitution of another player then in uniform.

#### FIELD RULES.

RULE 58. No Club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 59. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to the players in uniform, the Manager on each side and the Umpire; except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the Home Club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 60. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 61. Every Club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

#### GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

RULE 62. "Play" is the order of the Umpire to begin the game or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 63. "Time" is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 64. "Game" is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 65. "An Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

RULE 66. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a Batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a Base Runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, as in Rule 44.

RULE 67. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these Rules.

## SCORING.

RULE 68. In order to promote Uniformity in Scoring Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

## BATTING.

SEC. 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. The time or times where the player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball, by the pitcher's illegal delivery, or by a base on balls shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases :

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines, and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When a hit ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit, and exempt the fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly towards a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

That in all cases where a base runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the Umpire, as defined in Rule 37.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed Sacrifice Hits, which shall be credited to the batsman, who when but one man is out advances a runner a base on a fly to the outfield or a ground hit, which results in putting out the batsman, or would so result if handled without error.

## FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn, the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each



player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

#### ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," "bases on the batsman being struck by a pitched ball," or case of illegal pitched ball, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see Section 3 of this Rule.

#### STOLEN BASES.

SEC. 8. Stolen bases shall be scored as follows :

Any attempt to steal a base must go to the credit of the base runner, whether the ball is thrown wild or muffed by the fielder, but any manifest error is to be charged to the fielder making the same. If the base runner advances another base he shall not be credited with a stolen base, and the fielder allowing the advancement is also to be charged with an error. If a base runner makes a start and a battery error is made, the runner secures the credit of a stolen base, and the battery error is scored against the player making it. Should a base runner overrun a base and then be put out, he should receive the credit for the stolen base.

#### EARNED RUNS.

SEC. 9. An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base unaided by errors before chances have been offered to retire the side.

#### THE SUMMARY.

RULE 69. The Summary shall contain :

SEC. 1. The number of earned runs made by each side.

SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of bases stolen by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side, with the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of men given bases on called balls, by each Pitcher.

SEC. 8. The number of men given bases from being hit by pitched balls.

SEC. 9. The number of men struck out.

SEC. 10. The number of passed balls by each Catcher.

SEC. 11. The number of wild pitches by each Pitcher.

SEC. 12. The time of game.

SEC. 13. The name of the Umpire.

#### AMENDMENTS.

RULE 70. No Amendment or change of any of these National Playing Rules shall be made, except by a joint committee on rules, consisting of three members from the National League and three members from the American Association. Such committee to be appointed at the annual meetings of each of said bodies to serve one year from the twentieth day of December of each year. Such committee shall have full power to act, provided that such amendments shall be made only by an affirmative vote of the majority of each delegation.



### HENRY CHADWICK—"Father of Base Ball."

Henry Chadwick, the veteran journalist, upon whom the honored sobriquet of "Father of Base Ball" rests so happily and well, appears in portraiture, and so well preserved is his physical manhood that his sixty-three years rest lightly upon his well timed life. Since the age of thirteen he has resided in Brooklyn, New York, and is an honored member of the distinguished society of old Brooklynites. He entered upon the journalistic career in which he has attained eminent distinction in 1856, his first work finding a ready field on the *New York Times*. In 1857 he associated himself with the *New York Clipper*, and was identified with that journal steadily for thirty-one years. After twenty-nine years of remarkable devotion to the interests of morning journalism in the metropolis Mr. Chadwick retired in 1886, to accept an editorial position on the *Outing Magazine*, which, together with his work on the *Brooklyn Eagle*, keeps his ready pen busy. He is one of the most valued contributors on *The Sporting Life* staff, and his work in other journals has made his name a household word as the "Father of Base Ball." He comes from a famous family of English birth, his brother, Mr. Edwin Chadwick, being the noted sanitary philosopher of England. Mr. Chadwick has edited our *League Guide* since 1880.

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## AN EXPLANATORY APPENDIX

—TO THE—

### NEW CODE OF RULES FOR 1889.

The experience of each season in regard to the conflicting opinions of umpires and players in their interpretation of the code of playing rules, has made it a necessity on the part of the editor of the GUIDE, to devote a special chapter each year to the subject of properly interpreting every important rule of the game. This year we make up this special chapter in the form of an *Explanatory Appendix* to the new code, which is officially indorsed by the President of the National League, and the Secretary of the Joint Committee on Rules of the League and the American Association.

Taking up the rules of the new code in their regular order, we proceed to give the official interpretation of the practical application of each newly amended rule, as also of every rule, of the correct definition of which there is likely to arise any question.

#### THE PLAYERS ON EACH SIDE.

"In no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side." So says Rule 14. The practical application of the rule is that if a club has not nine men ready to take the field at the hour appointed for beginning a regularly scheduled championship-game, the club short handed must forfeit the game. Moreover, if they begin play with the required complement of men, and one of the number becomes injured and disabled from service in the field, and they have no legal substitute player to take the disabled man's place, the game cannot be continued with but eight men in the field, and therefore it must be similarly forfeited.

#### PLAYERS MUST BE IN UNIFORM.

Rule 17 requires that "every club shall be required to adopt uniforms for the players;" and Rule 28 renders it necessary that at least one substitute player shall be ready "in uniform" to take the place of a disabled player, or to become the tenth player of the team in accordance with section 2 of Rule 28.

## A TENTH MAN AS SUBSTITUTE.

Besides the regular substitute player required to be ready to take the place of a disabled player, Rule 28—a new amendment—admits of an *independent substitute player* on each side, whose services in the field are held subject to the requirement of either of the two Captains whenever he shall deem it advisable to remove any player, who, though not disabled “by illness or injury,” is not doing the work in the field to the Captain’s satisfaction. But such substitute can only replace another player at the close of a regular innings play; and, moreover, the player whose place the extra substitute takes, cannot again take part in the game then being played.

It should be borne in mind that this special rule was adopted not only to enable the Captain of a team to strengthen a weak point discovered during the progress of the game, but also to enable him to utilize new talent when the game has been virtually won, as the experience in such instances is especially valuable to young players, notably so in the case of battery players. It also enables the Captain to save the work of a valuable battery player from a prolonged strain rendered unnecessary by the winning lead obtained.

## PUTTING A NEW BALL IN PLAY.

Rule 12, Sec. 2, requires the Umpire to call for the putting in play of the substitute ball whenever the ball previously in play, is batted foul over the fence or the grand stands, “*out of the sight of the players.*” Also in case the ball in play becomes “*unfit for fair use,*” as to which the Umpire is the sole judge.

A new ball can only be called for in case neither of the two balls in use are legally available for service.

## THE NEW RULE FOR PITCHERS.

The amended rule governing the delivery of the ball by the pitcher—Rule 18 of the new code—has had the words “his left foot in front of the right, and to the left of an imaginary line from his right foot to the center of the home base” eliminated from it, and in consequence the pitcher is not now required to abide by that portion of the rule, which governed his movements in 1888. The pitcher’s position, when he prepares to deliver the ball to the bat, must be that in which he stands with both feet squarely on the ground, and with one foot—left or right—placed on the rear line of his position. While thus standing ready to deliver the ball, he must hold it before him in full sight of the Umpire. The words “in the act of delivering the ball” refer to the very last motion in delivery, and in making this motion the rear foot is of necessity placed on the ground, as it is from this standpoint that the power to give the last impetus to the ball in delivery is derived. Con-



sequently the foot cannot be lifted from the ground entirely until the ball leaves his hand. In making his regular motions to deliver while he is prohibited from lifting the entire foot in the rear line from the ground, he is not debarred from lifting the heel of the foot an inch or so. In making the preliminary movements, too, he cannot take but one forward step, though he can make this single step in any way he chooses, provided it be a regular and habitual motion of his delivery.

#### FEIGNING TO THROW TO A BASE.

When the pitcher feigns to throw to a base prior to delivering the ball to the bat, in every such instance after making the feint to throw, he must resume his original position, "facing the batsman," and "holding the ball fairly in front of his body," and "momentarily pause before delivering the ball to the bat." If he makes a feint to throw and then delivers the ball with one apparent motion, without pausing to stand, he commits a balk.

#### THE ORDER OF BATTING.

Rule 19 says that "Batsmen must take their position at the bat in the order in which they are named on *the score*." This *score* is not sufficiently defined in the rule, but it means the printed or written order of batting, which each captain of the contesting team presents to the umpire prior to the commencement of the game; and such order, on approval of the umpire, should be copied verbatim in the score book of the official scorer of the home club, who alone is authorized to send a copy of the score of the game, as the official copy, to the secretary of the League or Association the club belongs to.

After the order of batting has been submitted to the umpire, it becomes the official order, and after being thus indorsed it cannot be changed except in the case of a substitute player taking the place either of a disabled player, or that of a removed player—under the new rule—and in such case the incoming substitute player takes the place in the order of batting of the disabled or removed player.

#### THE CAPTAIN CAN PLACE HIS MEN AS HE LIKES.

The captain of a nine can place his nine men in any position of the field he chooses. There is in fact no arbitrary rule governing the placing of the men except in the case of the pitcher, and he of course must always occupy the pitcher's box. Under Rule 15, the captain can place his infielders, in close within the diamond, or all outside of it, also the outfielders, either in close to the infielders, or lying out deep or close to the foul line, etc. But the pitcher of the ball must always be in the "box" when delivering the ball.

## THE DEFINITION OF THE BALK.

Rule 32, Section I, defines a balk as "Any motion made by the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it." This definition embraces every one of the motions the pitcher is accustomed to make preliminary to the actual delivery of the ball, whether of his hands, arms, or feet, or any motion of his body. He cannot therefore make any pretense of delivering the ball while not having the ball in his hand ready to deliver it as in the case of a base player hiding the ball while the pitcher acts as if he himself had possession of it—without his making a balk.

The words "any motion calculated to deceive a base runner," refer to pretended movements to deliver outside of those referred to in the first portion of the rule.

## TAKING A BASE ON A BALK.

There is an important distinction between a "balk" and an "illegal delivery." A "balk" is made when the pitcher makes a motion to deliver the ball to the bat without following such motion with actual delivery, or if he holds the ball in his hand long enough to unnecessarily delay the game. An "illegal delivery" is made when the pitcher steps out of his "box" in delivery, or lifts his rear foot from the ground before the ball leaves his hand—his lifting his foot afterward is of no account—or if he fails to pause before delivery after making a feint to throw to a base. In the case of a "balk," every occupant of a base, as a base runner, becomes entitled to one base, whether forced by the batsman or not. But the batsman cannot take a base on a "balk." In the case of an "illegal delivery," however, while occupants of bases can only take a base on such delivery in case of being "forced off," the batsman is given a base on such illegal delivery. While an "illegal delivery" is in the nature of a balk, it is not an actual "balk" as technically termed in the rules.

## DEAD BALLS.

The ball cannot be used to put a player on the batting side out, either in the case of a batted ball to foul ground not caught on the fly; a called *foul strike*; a runner being hit by a batted ball; a pitched ball striking the batsman, or striking his bat without being intentionally struck at; or from the ball striking the umpire while he is on foul ground, before it passes the catcher; or, in the case of a called block ball, until said ball is *first held by the pitcher while standing within his position*.

## THE FOUL TIP CATCH.

The elimination of the sharp foul-tip catch from the rules will necessitate the placing of a white line, forming a half circle, within a radius of ten feet from the home base, and located on foul

ground, as it is only foul tips caught within ten feet of the home base which do not put the batsman out.

#### THE BLOCKING OF BALLS.

Any interference with the progress of a batted or thrown ball by any person not one of the contesting players in a game, is what is termed *blocking the ball*. Suppose a ball is batted to the short stop, and that fielder overthrows the ball to first base, and it goes toward the crowd and is there stopped or touched by an outsider, the moment this stoppage of the ball or interference with it occurs, the umpire must call "Block ball," and until the ball is returned to the field and held by the pitcher while in his "box," it is *dead* for putting out any base runner; and such runners are permitted to run all the bases they can until the ball is thus put legally into play. But should such overthrown ball, in addition to its being stopped or diverted from its course by any outsider, be also kicked aside or picked up and thrown out of reach by a fielder, the umpire must in addition call "Time," in which case runners shall only be entitled to hold such bases as they had touched before the ball had been so kicked or thrown out of reach, the ball, as in the prior case, not being in play until held by the pitcher while in his box.

#### HITTING BALLS FOUL INTENTIONALLY.

Rule 42, Section III, requires the umpire to call a strike on the batsman every time he makes "an obvious attempt to make a foul hit." Rule 43, Section XIII, states that "If, after two strikes have been called, the batsman *obviously attempts to make a foul hit,*" he is out. Last year these rules were both misinterpreted by umpires. In the first place, in both cases the *intention* of the batsman must be plainly manifest; and to judge of this the circumstances of the case must be taken into consideration. For instance, if the batsman *bunts* a ball foul when a runner is on a base, it is evident that he does so unintentionally, for no point of play is to be gained by such a foul hit. Then, too, the hitting of a foul ball must be repeatedly done before such hitting can be adjudged as otherwise than accidental.

#### BATTING OUT OF ORDER.

Rule 43 states that the batsman who fails to bat in his proper turn according to the approved order of batting, must be decided out by the umpire, unless the error in question be discovered and the right batsman be sent to the bat in the regular order "*before a fair hit has been made.*" If, before the mistake is discovered, "strikes" or "balls" be called upon the batsman who is out of his order of batting, such strikes and balls shall be counted against the batsman who should have gone to the bat in the regular order. But the violation of the rule must be declared by

the field Captain before the ball is delivered to a succeeding batsman, or the penalty of an out cannot be enforced, the mistake, of course, being at once corrected, without the enforcement of the penalty.

#### RETURNING TO BASES ON FOUL BALLS.

The change made in Rule 45 is to the effect that base runners required to return to bases which they had left on a hit ball, can, if the ball be hit foul and not caught on the fly, return to their respective bases directly. For instance, suppose the batsman hits a long fly ball to right field, on which he runs to third base before the ball falls on foul ground, under the old rule he would be required to return to home base after retouching second and first bases; but under the new rule he can in such case return to home base direct from third, instead of returning around the diamond. The object of the amended rule was to save loss of time by a runner's leisurely return to the base he had left.

#### HOLDING BASES AFTER TOUCHING THEM.

Rule 45, in its reference to a base runner having the right to hold a base after touching it, is to be thus defined: Suppose that base runners are on third and second bases, and that the runner on third is trying to steal home, and in doing so vacates third base and runs for home base, the occupant of second base in the meantime running to third base and holding that base; and suppose that in such case the runner from third to home finds himself likely to be put out at home base, and then returns to third base, he still has the right to that base, and having such right, the runner from second to third must give up holding third base and try and get back to second, failing which, and preferring to hold third base, he can be put out there even while standing on third base, provided the legal occupant of that base is also standing on that base, but not otherwise.

#### OBSTRUCTING BASE RUNNERS.

Rule 46, Section VI, states that a base runner is entitled to the base he is running to "*if he be prevented from making that base by the obstruction of an adversary.*" Now the correct interpretation of this rule is that such obstruction as that in question must be that at the hands of a fielder who has not the ball in hand ready to touch the runner. Of course if the runner is met by the fielder with ball in hand ready to touch the runner, and thus stands directly in the path of the runner, no legal obstruction has been presented, though in fact he is obstructed. But the "obstruction" meant by the rule is that presented by a fielder who has not the ball in hand at the time.

## A THROWN BALL HITTING THE UMPIRE ON FAIR GROUND.

Rule 47, Section IV, states that "The base runner shall return to his base and be entitled to so return without being put out, if the person or clothing of the umpire is struck by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base runner." Rule 46, in referring to base runners entitled to take bases without being put out, states that "if a fair hit ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire, the batsman making the hit, or a base runner running a base upon such a hit, shall be entitled to the base he is running for without being put out." For instance, suppose there is a runner at first base trying to steal second, and the catcher throws the ball to the second baseman to cut him off, and that the ball thus thrown hits the umpire and glances off out of the reach of the fielders, the runner in such case, while being debarred from making second base by the accident, is allowed to return to the base he left without being put out. But the umpire must see to it that the ball is not intentionally thrown to hit the umpire with a view of preventing what would otherwise be a successful steal. In other words, the throw in question must be an accidental one, or it must be judged as an illegal play.

## THE COACHING RULE.

Umpires must enforce the rule governing the "coaching" of base runners in accordance with the spirit as well as the letter of the law, and this forbids the addressing of any remarks except to the base runner, and then only in words of necessary direction. Moreover, no coacher is allowed to use any language, in his position either as player or coacher, "which shall in any way" refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club. The noisy, vulgar yelling of some coaches is in direct violation of the spirit of the rule, as it is done, not to coach the runner, but to confuse the pitcher or catcher, and distract their attention. The penalty for violating the rule is the suspension of all coaching by the offending club during the remainder of the game.

## PLAYERS MUST BE SEATED ON THEIR BENCH.

Rule 54, Section I, requires that all the players of the batting side when not actually engaged in batting, base running or in coaching—as in the case of the two appointed coaches—must remain seated on the bench until called in their turn to go to the bat. The umpire too, must see to it that the requirements of this same rule be strictly enforced in regard to keeping the bats in the racks, and not allow them to be laid on the ground in the way of the catcher running to catch foul balls.

## REMOVING A PLAYER FOR KICKING.

The most important change in the rules affecting the duties of



the umpire is that made in Rule 57, Section V, which gives the umpire the discretionary power to remove an offending player from the field who is found violating Rule 57.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the rule is not compulsory, for if it were so, a captain desirous of substituting another player for one in the field, after he had availed himself of the tenth man rule, might conspire with a player to violate the rule intentionally to aid the captain in getting in an extra man.

#### ON CALLED STRIKES.

In the case of a called third strike when two men are out, Rule 43, Section VI., requires the ball to be held on the fly whether first base be occupied or not, in order to put the batsman out. But in the case of the first base being occupied by a base runner, when only one man is out, when the third strike is called, in such case the batsman is out on called strikes, whether the ball on the third called strike is held on the fly or not. The batsman is out too,—under the new rule—if, *when the third strike is called, the pitched ball hits him or touches his clothing.*

#### ON FORFEITED GAMES.

The Joint Rules Committee have decided that an umpire cannot declare any game forfeited of his own motion, though in Rule 26 it states that forfeited games are incurred under several conditions, one of which definitely states is the wilful violation of any one rule of the code. But he can declare a game forfeited under any one of the specified conditions in Rule 26 if requested to do so by the captain of the club at fault. Section IV of Rule 26 gives the umpire the discretionary power to declare any game forfeited in which he is personally cognizant of the fact of any single rule having been wilfully violated, the offending team forfeiting the game then and there. But only in very rare cases should this power be used in opposition to the wishes of the captain of the team not in fault. When the rules have been plainly violated and the captain of the team not in fault claims forfeit, the umpire must enforce the penalty.

#### THE UMPIRE'S POWER.

Under Section II of Rule 52 the umpire *is invested with the authority to order any player to do, or to omit to do, any act, as he may deem it necessary*, to give force or effect to any or all of the provisions of the code of playing rules. This gives him the authority to decide all disputed points in a game not expressly covered by the rules, subject, of course, to legal protest.

#### JUDGING THE CONDITION OF THE FIELD.

Rule 29 gives the captain of the home club the sole power to decide whether the field is in condition for play at the hour ap-

pointed for beginning a game. But after a game has been commenced, and it be interrupted by rain, the umpire alone decides whether the field is in fair condition for resuming play after such suspension of the game.

#### THE UMPIRE SOLE JUDGE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY.

Rule 28 makes the umpire the sole judge as to the nature and extent of the "illness or injury" claimed to disable a player from service on the field. The captains have nothing to say in the matter. All they can do is to appeal to the umpire, and abide by his decision.

#### GAMES STOPPED BY RAIN.

Rule 55 the umpire is prohibited from suspending play in a match game on account of rain, unless '*rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter.*' If the rain is light, or an ordinary drizzle, it is not sufficient to legalize the suspension of the play.

#### THE CAPTAIN ONLY CAN ADDRESS THE UMPIRE.

Rules 53 and 57 are explicit in prohibiting any player, except the captain of the nine, from addressing the umpire in regard to any decision he may make; and even the captain can only do so in the case of a question involving an error in misinterpreting the rules. If the decision disputed involves only an error of judgment, even the captain has no right to question the decision. In every case of a violation of this rule, the umpire must fine the offender *five dollars*, or he himself be liable to immediate dismissal for violating the rules.

#### BATSMEN CHANGING POSITION.

Last season a custom came into vogue which virtually violated Section V of Rule 43. It was the habit some batsmen had of jumping from one batting position to the other just as the pitcher was about to deliver the ball to the bat, this act virtually hindering the catcher from properly fielding the pitched ball. While no rule should prevent a batsman from batting from either the left or the right batting position at his option it certainly was never intended to allow the change to be made while play was in progress: and it therefore becomes the duty of the umpire to interpret this rule according to its spirit, and to regard the action of a batsman in jumping from one position to the other while the ball is in play from pitcher to catcher as hindering the catcher, and in such case he should declare him out.

#### INTERFERING WITH A BATTED OR THROWN BALL.

Rule 48 prohibits a base runner from interfering with a fielder attempting to field a batted ball. The runner has no right to the

line of the base when a fielder is occupying it in the effort to catch a fly ball, or to field a batted ball; nor can a base runner make any attempt to hinder or obstruct a fielder from fielding a thrown ball without his being promptly decided out. In all cases the base runner must run off the line of the bases to avoid interfering with a fielder standing on the line of the bases to field a batted ball. Section VIII of Rule 28 says, "*Or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball,*" and the intention is judged by his effort to avoid interference or not.

#### PASSED BALLS WHICH GIVE A BASE.

Rule 46, Section IV., states that in the case of a pitched ball which passes the catcher and then touches the umpire; or if such passed ball touches any fence or building within ninety feet of the home base, the runner is entitled to one base without being put out, and can of course take more at his own risk.

#### OVERRUNNING FIRST BASE.

The base runner, in running to first base, is only exempt from being touched out after overrunning the base, when he turns to the right after overrunning the base. If he crosses the foul line after overrunning, toward second base, that is tantamount to turning to the left, but so long as he is on foul ground after overrunning the base, it is immaterial whether he turns to the left or to the right. The leaving foul ground in overrunning decides the point against him. It is best, however, always to turn to the right in returning.

#### DOUBTFUL DECISIONS IN FAVOR OF THE BATTING SIDE.

The rules expressly make a distinction in favor of the batting side in all cases where there is any doubt as to the player being fairly out. Especially is this the case in the case of the batsman's being put out at first base, for Section IV. of Rule 48 requires the ball to be securely held by the base player "*before*" the runner touches the base in order to put him out, and the rule applies to the touching out of all base runners on bases; the words being "*before*" the runner reaches the base, if at the same time, he—the runner—is not out. Time and again were base runners unfairly decided out last season in cases where the ball was held by the base player simultaneously with the runner's touching the base, every such decision being illegal.

In regard to the umpire's enforcement of Rule 48, President Young says, "Too many base runners are decided out when the ball is held by the base player simultaneously with the runner's reaching the base, which decisions are illegal." If umpires will strictly enforce the rule it will greatly increase the chances for base running and team work at the bat.

Mr. Byrne, of the Joint Rules Committee, in joining with Mr. Young in having this rule enforced, says: "We are doing all we can to encourage base stealing and a proper attention to the rule, by more frequently deciding men safe at first, as it will add interest to the game. I believe, too, that it would be wise in all cases of decision on first base points for the Umpire to give the base runner the benefit of the doubt."

#### BATTED BALLS HITTING THE BASES.

Since the first and third bases were placed entirely on fair ground and within the foul lines, every batted ball touching either the first or third base bag, must be declared a fair ball no matter where it strikes after touching either bag. It would be better to have the bags in question on foul ground, so as to make every batted ball foul that strikes them; but until this is done, all such batted balls must be declared fair.

#### COACHERS MUST KEEP WITHIN THEIR LINES.

Captains or their assistants who engage in "coaching" base runners, must keep within the lines of their designated position, or if they attempt to coach a runner while standing outside of their position, or to run toward home base outside the lines of their position, they must be fined five dollars for each violation of the rule.

#### OPEN BETTING PROHIBITED.

Rule 58 prohibits open betting on all ball grounds of clubs governed by the rules of the *National Agreement*. The penalty for a violation of this rule is the forfeiture of the game which is being played when the rule is violated; and the Umpire must enforce this rule or be amenable to a prompt removal from his position.

#### NO UMPIRE TO BE INSULTED.

Rule 52 states that "the umpire is master of the field from the commencement to the termination of the game; and he is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and *any person offering any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected from the grounds,*" under the penalty of a forfeiture of the game.







# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR 1889.

CLUBS.	In Brooklyn.	In Philadelphia	In Baltimore.	In Columbus.	In Cincinnati.	In Louisville.	In St. Louis.	In Kansas City.
Brooklyn.....	.....	April 17	April 22	May 25†	May 11†	May 7	May 16	May 20
	.....	" 18	" 23	" 26†	" 12†	" 8	" 17	" 21
	.....	" 20†	" 24	" 27	" 13	" 9	" 18	" 22
	.....	" 21†	Aug. 27	" 28	" 14	" 10	" 19†	" 23
	.....	June 29†	" 28	Aug. 6	July 13†	July 3	" 4	July 6†
	.....	" 30†	" 29	" 7	" 14†	" 11	" 4	July 7†
	.....	July 1	Oct. 8	" 8	" 15	" 12	" 4	" 8
	.....	Sept. 17	" 9	Oct. 12†	Aug. 17†	Aug. 10†	Aug. 10†	Aug. 13
	.....	" 18	" 10	" 13†	" 18†	" 11†	" 11†	" 14
	.....	" 19	" 11	" 14	" 14	" 20	" 12	" 15
Athletics.....	May 2	April 25	April 25	April 28†	May 7	May 11†	May 20	May 16
	" 3	" 26	" 26	" 29	" 8	" 12†	" 21	" 17
	" 4	" 27†	" 27†	" 30	" 9	" 13	" 22	" 18†
	" 5†	May 25†	May 27	Aug 27	" 10	" 14	" 23	" 19†
	July 18	" 27	" 28	" 28	July 6†	July 3	July 10	July 13†
	" 20†	" 28	" 29	" 29	" 7†	" 4	" 11	" 14†
	" 2†	" 29	" 29	Oct. 8	" 8	" 4	" 12	" 15
	Oct 3	Sept 21†	Sept 21†	" 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 10†	Aug. 17†	Aug 22
	" 5†	" 23	" 23	" 11	" 14	" 11†	" 18†	" 24†
	" 6†	" 24	" 24	" 11	" 15	" 12	" 20	" 25†
Baltimore.....	April 28†	June 23†	.....	May 2	May 16	May 20	May 11†	May 7
	" 29	" 24	.....	" 3	" 17	" 21	" 12†	" 8
	" 30	" 25	.....	" 4	" 18†	" 22	" 13	" 9
	May 1	" 26	.....	" 5†	" 19†	" 23	" 14	" 10
	June 19	Aug. 6	.....	July 18	July 3	July 6†	July 13†	July 10
	" 20	" 7	.....	" 20†	" 4	" 7†	" 14†	" 11
	" 22†	" 8	.....	" 21†	" 4	" 8	" 15	" 12
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	" 28†	" 13†	.....	Sept. 17	" 11†	" 14	" 24†	" 18†
	" 29†	" 14	.....	" 19	" 12	" 15	" 25†	" 20
Columbus.....	April 25	April 24	April 17	.....	May 20	May 16	May 7	May 11†
	" 26	" 23	" 18	.....	" 21	" 17	" 8	" 12†
	" 27	" 24	" 19	.....	" 22	" 18†	" 9	" 13
	" 28	" 25	" 20†	.....	" 23	" 19†	" 10	" 14
	" 29	" 26	June 20†	.....	July 10	July 13†	July 6†	July 3
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Cincinnati.....	June 13	May 30	June 3	June 8 <sup>†</sup>	.....	May 25 <sup>†</sup>	Apr. 25	April 29
	" 14	" 30	" 4	" 9 <sup>†</sup>	.....	" 26 <sup>†</sup>	" 26	" 30
	" 15 <sup>†</sup>	June 1 <sup>†</sup>	" 5	" 10	.....	" 27 <sup>†</sup>	" 27 <sup>†</sup>	May 1
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	July 27	July 23	Aug. 2	July 29	.....	Aug. 7	June 25	June 29 <sup>†</sup>
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	" 2	" 31 <sup>†</sup>	" 9	" 14 <sup>†</sup>	.....	" 18	" 23 <sup>†</sup>	" 28 <sup>†</sup>
	" 4	Sept. 1 <sup>†</sup>	" 10	" 15 <sup>†</sup>	.....	" 19	" 23	" 29 <sup>†</sup>
Louisville.....	June 8 <sup>†</sup>	June 3	June 13	May 30	May 4 <sup>†</sup>	.....	Apr. 29	April 25
	" 9 <sup>†</sup>	" 4	" 14	" 30	" 5 <sup>†</sup>	.....	" 30	" 26
	" 10	" 5	" 15 <sup>†</sup>	June 1 <sup>†</sup>	" 6	.....	May 1	" 27 <sup>†</sup>
	" 11	" 6	" 17	" 2 <sup>†</sup>	Aug. 26	.....	May 2	" 28 <sup>†</sup>
	July 30	Aug. 2	July 23	July 28	Aug. 27	.....	June 29 <sup>†</sup>	June 26
	" 31	" 3 <sup>†</sup>	" 24	" 27 <sup>†</sup>	" 28	.....	" 30 <sup>†</sup>	" 27
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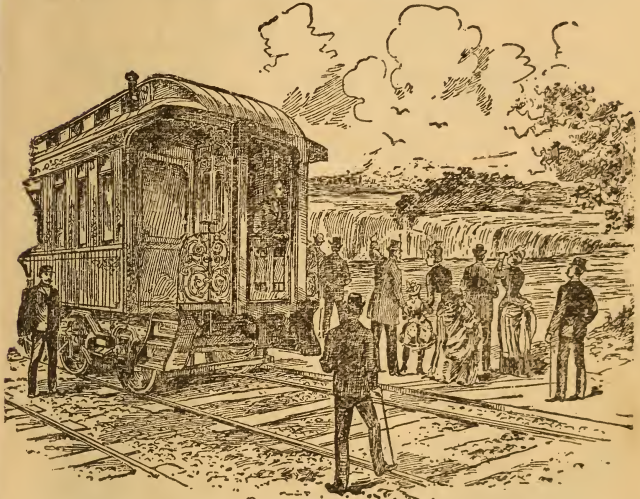
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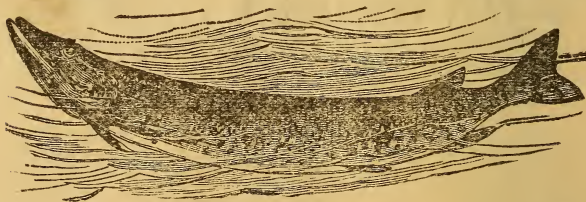
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